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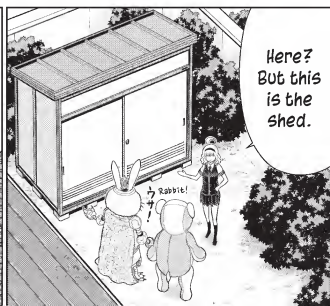
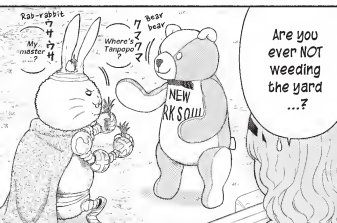
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EXTRAS

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Thank
you for
another
beautiful day,
Mother
Earth.

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A
GOOD
DEED
A DAY

**HOLD ON,
WHAT?!
SHE REALLY
IS IN HERE!
WHY?!
AND SHE'S
TOTALLY NOT
HER USUAL
SELF!!!**





I heard you went after them after I fell asleep? I realized I never asked you about the details.

Anyway, Furry-ear. I was looking for you because I wanted to ask you something. Remember when Honoka stayed at the Princess's place the other day?



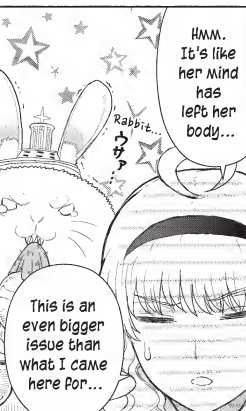
What a splendid bonsai.

ブツ
MUMBLE
ブツ
MUMBLE

Oh, okay. Well, I don't care either way.

Hm? What? She's been acting strange for a few days now?

And you're at a loss as to what to do with her because she almost seems like a different person?



Rabbit...
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Hmm. It's like her mind has left her body...

This is an even bigger issue than what I came here for...

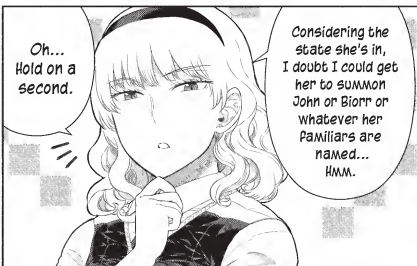
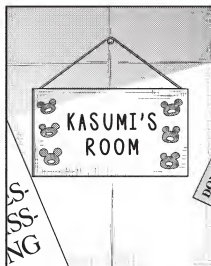


What's the matter? Care for some tea?

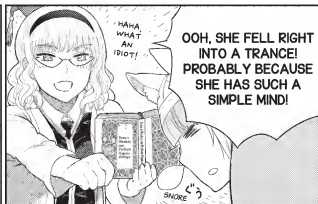
...Ah, the Takamiya sister...

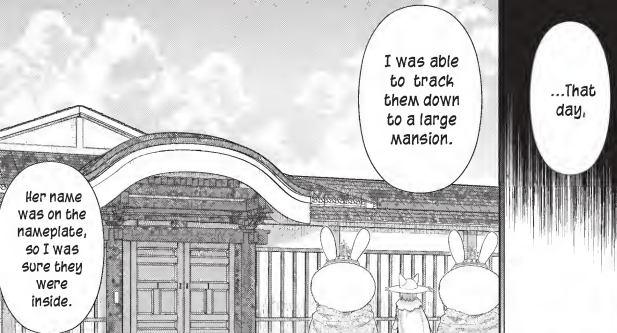
NO, I DON'T!

Where did they go and what did they do? Did you make sure to get in their way so that there wouldn't be any sort of good mood?









Her name was on the nameplate, so I was sure they were inside.

I was able to track them down to a large mansion.

...That day,



Enemies?

...I don't know.

I was assaulted by enemies as soon as I tried to enter...

On the nameplate?
...Could you have gone to the Kagari family home?



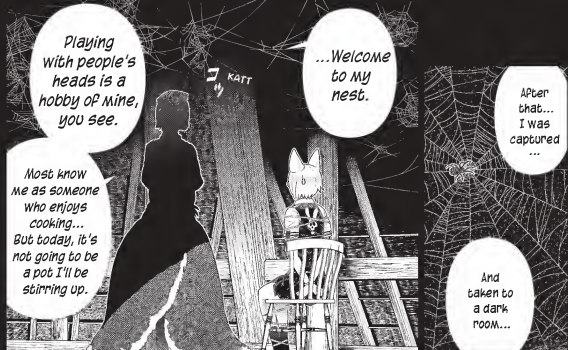
...A giant spider...
Could that mean...

UGH...
MY HEAD,
IT HURTS!

CALM DOWN!
YOU'RE IN
A SAFE
PLACE NOW!!

A g-giant...
A giant spider!

...My efforts were in vain, and I was defeated.



Playing
with people's
heads is a
hobby of mine,
you see.

...Welcome
to my
nest.

After
that...
I was
captured
...

Most know
me as someone
who enjoys
cooking...
But today, it's
not going to be
a pot I'll be
stirring up.

And
taken to
a dark
room...



So it was
Auntie
Shiori...!!

...I'm going to
make you into
the most
harmless and
environmentally-
friendly witch
in the world.



OKAY OKAY OKAY.
THAT'S ENOUGH!
I'M GOING TO
COUNT TO THREE
AND THEN I'M
GOING TO SNAP MY
FINGERS AND AS
SOON AS I DO
YOU'RE GOING TO
FALL ASLEEP
OKAY READY?!

AND...
AND
THEN!

EEE
EEK
!

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3!
バン
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OH,
I DON'T
GET IT!
I'M
DONE
THINKING
!!



So Honoka went
to her home?
But Auntie Shiori
would never
allow that...

Especially
considering
it's Honoka.
She was so stern
with him the
other day...

No, but if the
Princess fought
with Auntie,
she should have
turned out like
Furry-ear here...
HMM.



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WHY SHOULD I
HAVE TO HELP
FURRY-EAR?!
...WHAT? IT'S MY
FAULT THAT SHE
ENDED UP LIKE THIS?
I HAVE A
RESPONSIBILITY
TO HER BECAUSE
THIS WAS THE
RESULT OF HER
TRYING TO HELP
ME?!

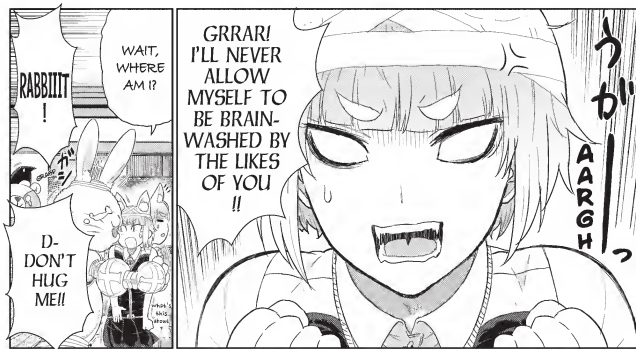
What's that?
You want me
to wait,
because you
thought I
was here to
cure your
master?

BEAR
!

RABBIT
!!!

I had
another plan,
let's do
that!

Okay,
Furry-ear!
I'm done
with you!

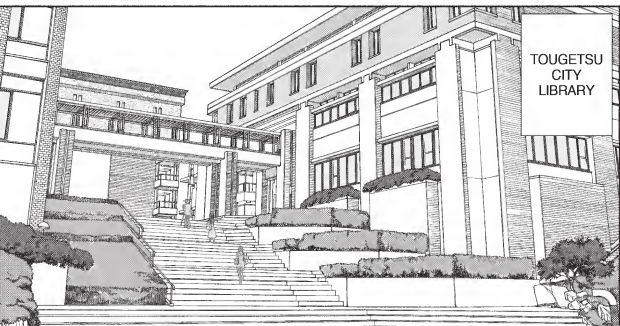
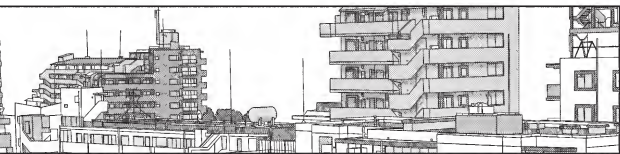


Furry-ear's Agony

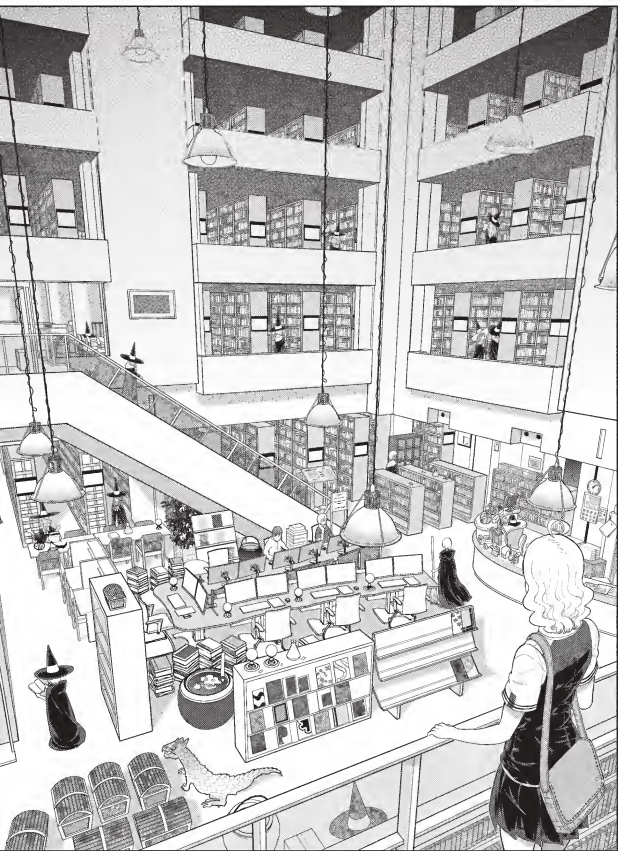


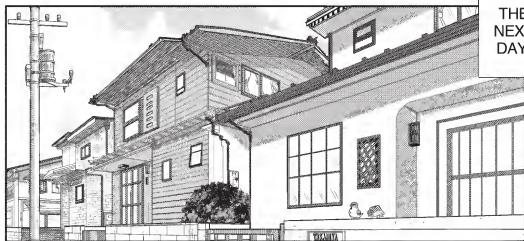
FURRY-EAR SOMETIMES RETURNS TO BEING A GREEN WITCH.

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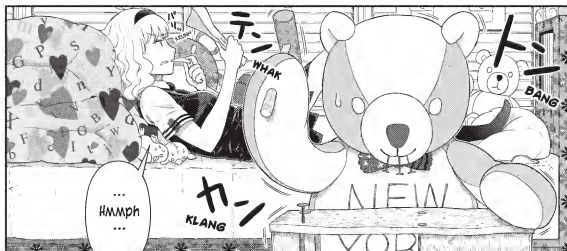








THE
NEXT
DAY.



As many
as you
can get!

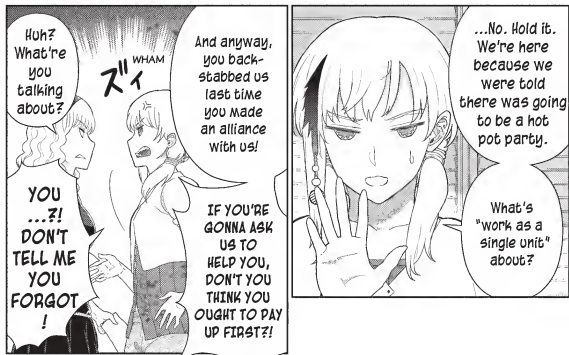
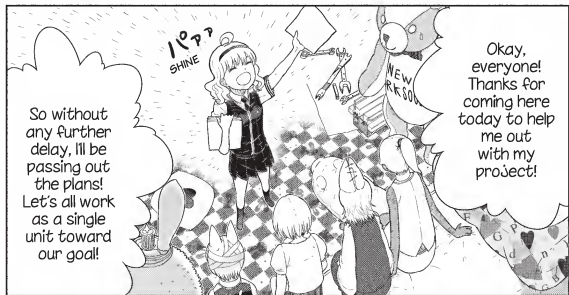
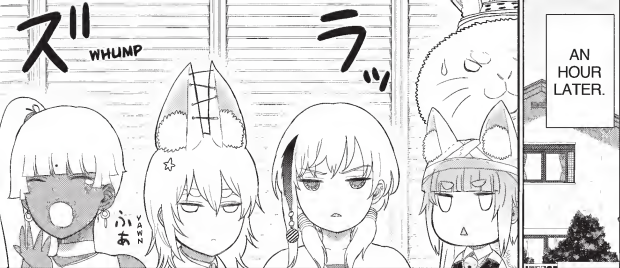
MacaRon, go
to Furry-ear's
place and bring
some friends
back with
you!

B-
BEAR!

URE.POTATO



According to
what I heard
yesterday,
it'll take a
while to finish
this...



WHATEVER, YOU
BIG-MOUTHED
BROTHER-LOVER!
WE PROMISED NOT
TO LAY A FINGER ON
YOUR BROTHER,
BUT THAT DOESN'T GO
FOR YOU! WE'RE FREE
TO REPAINT THE
WALLS HERE WITH
YOUR BLOOD IF
WE FEEL LIKE IT!

YOU'RE JUST FULL
OF COMPLAINTS,
AREN'T YOU?! NOW
THAT YOU'RE HERE, YOU
ONLY HAVE ONE CHOICE!
"HELP" IS MY ONLY
COMMAND FOR YOU!
SO BE QUIET AND
DO AS I SAY!

H-HOW DARE
YOU MAKE
FUN OF MY
FRIENDS
LIKE THAT
!

I'LL
BEAT SOME
MANNERS
INTO YOU!!

OKAY, THEN
WHY DON'T
YOU?! THAT
SEEMS LIKE THE
QUICKEST
WAY TO SET-
TLE THIS!
AND DON'T
THINK YOU CAN
GET AWAY WITH
CALLING ME A
BROTHER-CON!
I OUGHTA RIP THE
EARS OFF OF THAT
FOXGIRL'S HEAD
AND STICK 'EM
ON YOURS
INSTEAD!!!

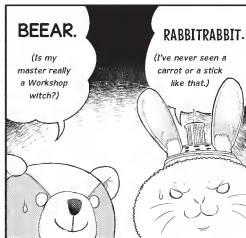
MACA-
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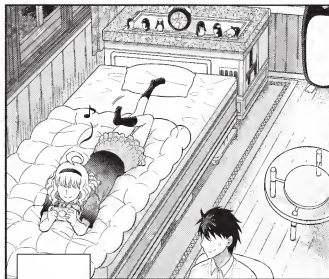
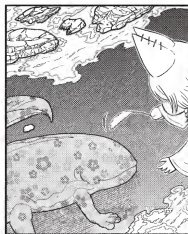
BEAR!

Roger!

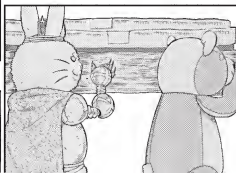
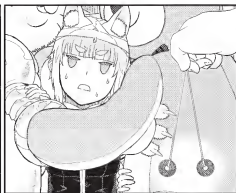
LET'S
GO,
GIRLS!

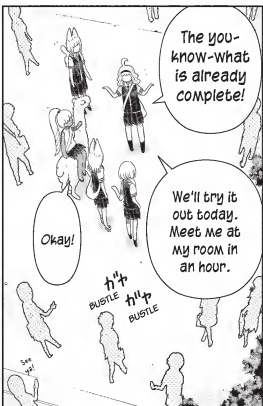
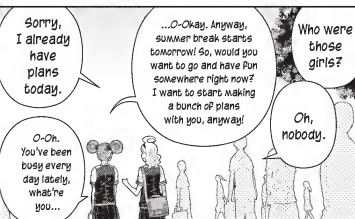
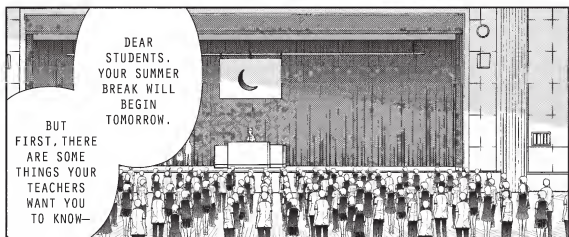
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AS TIME
PASSED.







Kasumi...
You haven't
been doing
stuff with
me at all
recently...

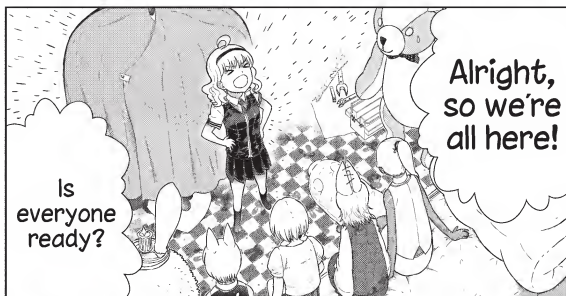
Did I do
something
to make her
hate me?

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SIGH



OH,
I NEED
TO RUN!
SEE YA
TANUTANU!

ひゃー
PYOOO



Is
everyone
ready?

Alright,
so we're
all here!



バハ
FWOOSH

It's
this!



C'MON
LET'S SEE
IT!

Hmph.
Knowing you,
it can't be
anything
good.

So what were
you making,
anyway?
You never
ended up
telling us.

Oh, don't
act so
needy.

Ta-daa!
Pretty
awesome,
right?!



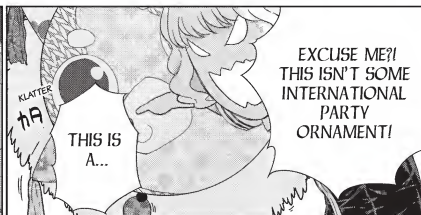
...You
wasted our
precious
time to
make a
piece of
junk like
this?

I WANNA
BUST IT
OPEN

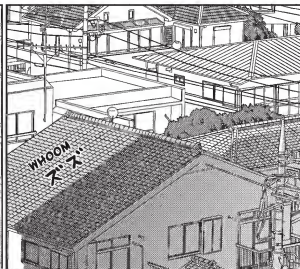
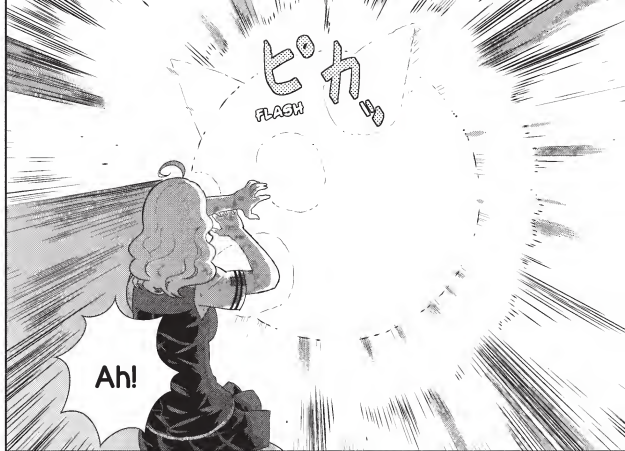
...
Candy
...?

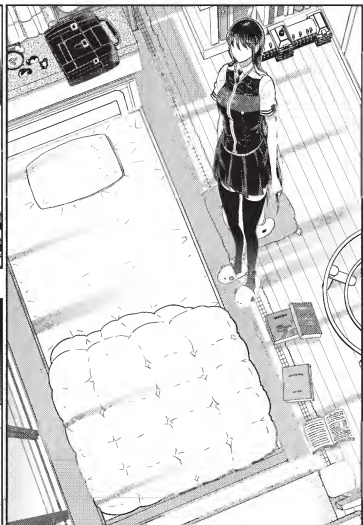
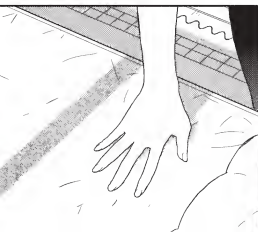
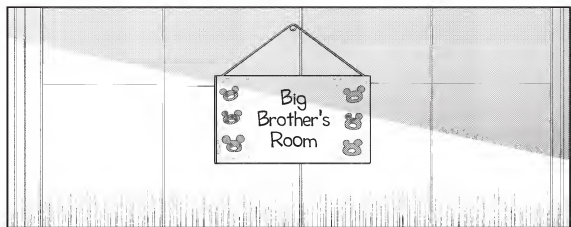
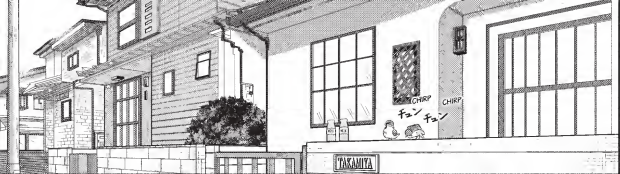
One of those paper
dolls filled with
candy they use
at Festivals in
Mexico and
Latin America
...a piñata?

Um,
is that
what I
think it
is?



EXCUSE ME?!
THIS ISN'T SOME
INTERNATIONAL
PARTY
ORNAMENT!







The Design Phase



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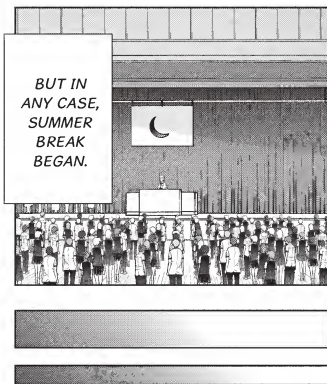
Alright.
I'll see if I
can make
arrangements
for you to meet
my mother over
the break.

RIGHT
BEFORE END-
OF-SEMESTER
CEREMONIES,
I SNUCK OUT
OF KAGARI'S
VIEW TO MAKE
A PROMISE
WITH NATSUME.

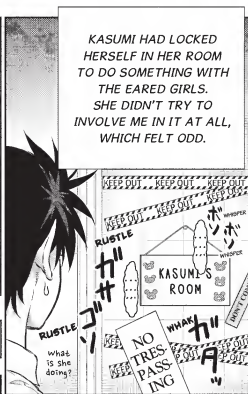


...
Right.

Sorry, thanks...
Though, I think
it'll be tough to
keep this a
secret from
Kagari.



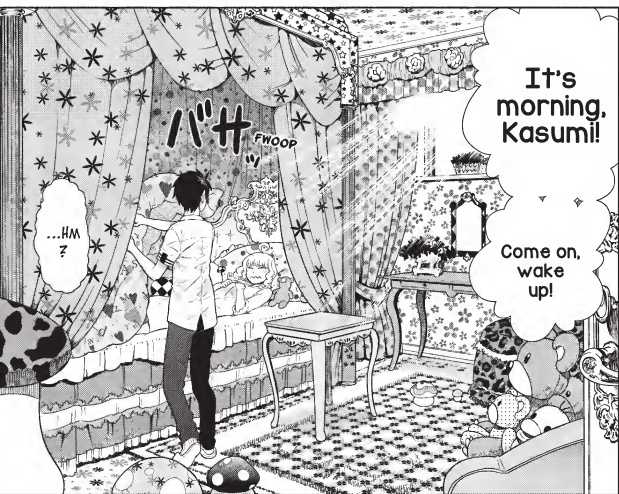
BUT IN
ANY CASE,
SUMMER
BREAK
BEGAN.

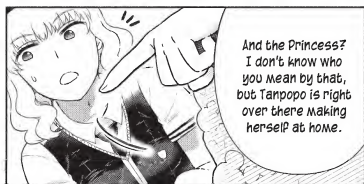


KASUMI HAD LOCKED
HERSELF IN HER ROOM
TO DO SOMETHING WITH
THE EARED GIRLS.
SHE DIDN'T TRY TO
INVOLVE ME IN IT AT ALL,
WHICH FELT ODD.







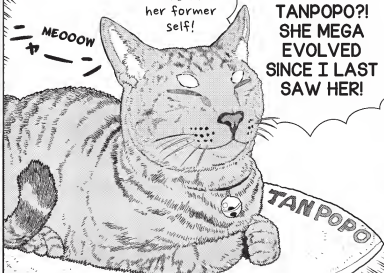


WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING,
KASUMI
?!

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TMP
TMP

She barely
looks like
her former
self!

THAT'S
TANPOPO?!
SHE MEGA
EVOLVED
SINCE I LAST
SAW HER!

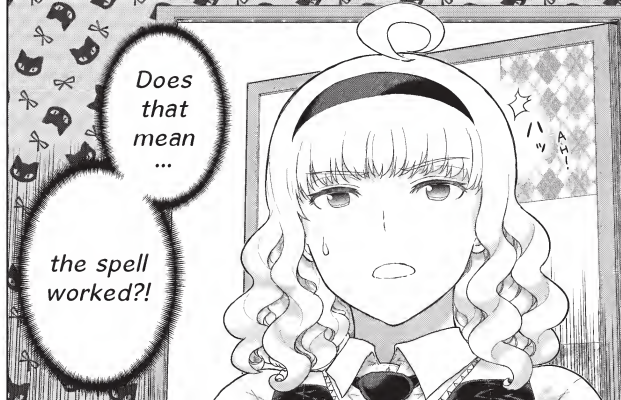


...The Princess's room and
Furry-ear's room have been
turned into storage spaces.
And the layout of the house
is a little different, too...

Not to
mention
that big
brother
is acting
strange...

What
could
have
happ—





Does
that
mean
...

the spell
worked?!



Welcome
back,
Kasumi.

...I'm Pine,
I was just
a little
drowsy.

Um...
Do you want
to take the
day off from
school?



W-WE
ALWAYS DO?
...REALLY?

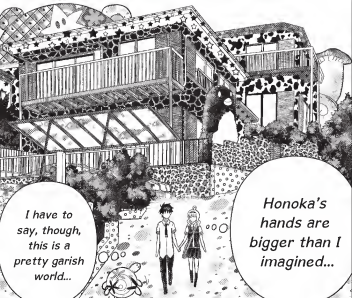
...Well, then
I guess I
can't say
no! I mean,
not if we
always do!

WAIT,
WHY ARE YOU
TRYING TO
HOLD MY
HAND?!

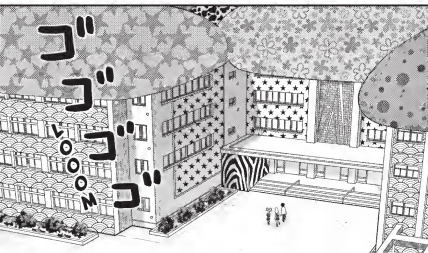
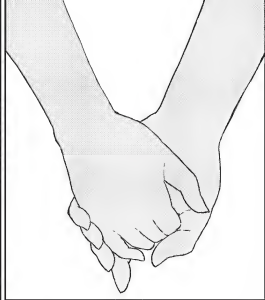
Huh? But
we always
hold hands...
You're really
acting weird
today, Kasumi.

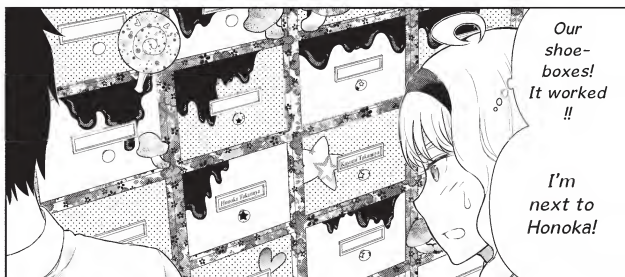
Nope,
let's go.

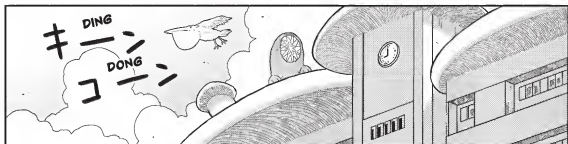
Forget-
ting any-
thing?



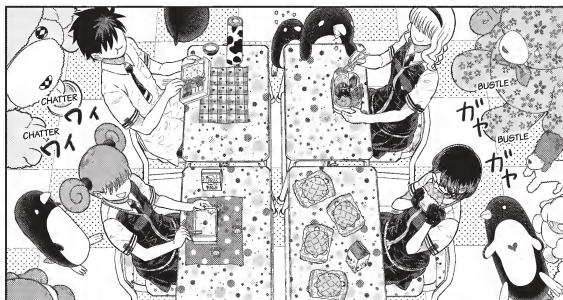
Honoka's hands are bigger than I imagined...

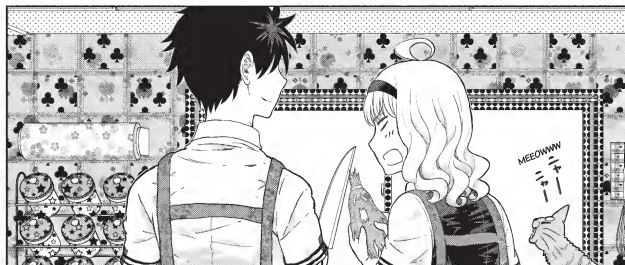
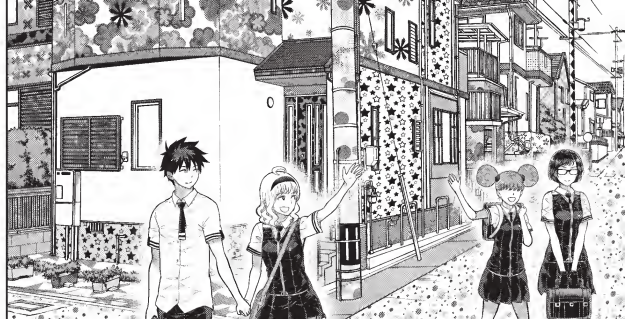










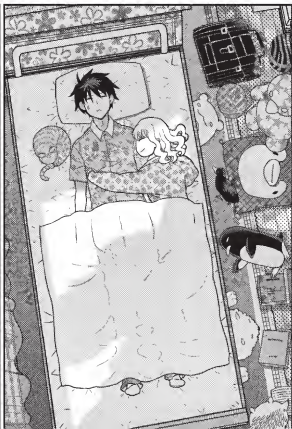




*If only
this world
could last
forever!*

*Ooh,
this is
so much
fun!*

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パッ
パッ





Taka-
miya.



Taka-
miya.



It's
morn-
ing.

Wake
up.

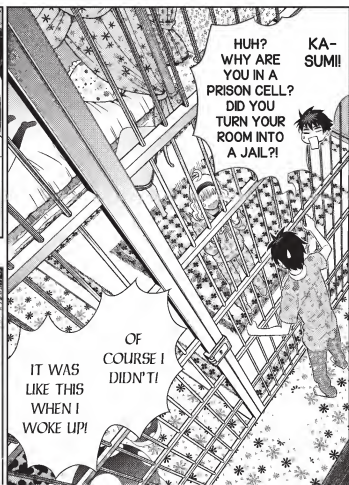
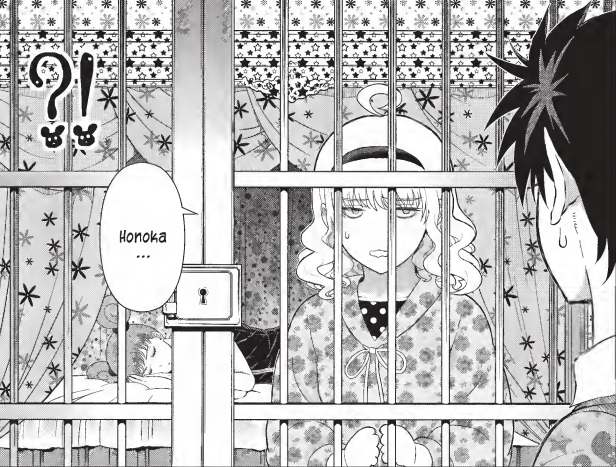
Don't you
ever get
it wrong
again!!

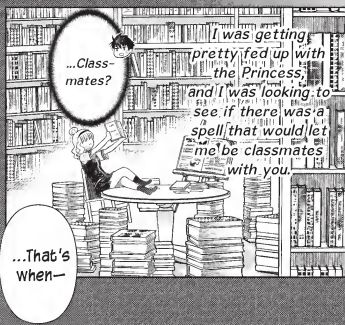
My
name is
Tanpopo
Kuraishi!

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MRRRVOW!









I had Mom and the others leave the house, too.

So in order to be in the same class as you, I got rid of everyone except for a few necessary people.

...Natsume asked to be added, so I included her.

her
Says nice things about our sailing log
Tanutaru
Evolves into a cat
Every year
Mom
Honey-moon with Dad

A MONTH ?!

Maybe a month if I really tried?

But Natsume said that with my powers, it should be able to last for a week.

I don't really know how long it lasts. It says it depends on the user's magical power.

In that spellbook was a kind of magic that would temporarily recreate the world... So that's what I did.

What about Macaron?

He turned into that ...



MACARON TURNED INTO A REAL MACARON?!

Plus, I'm out of magic so I can't escape.

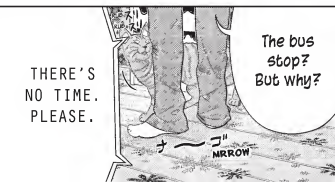
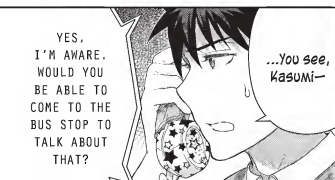
That's what I don't understand.

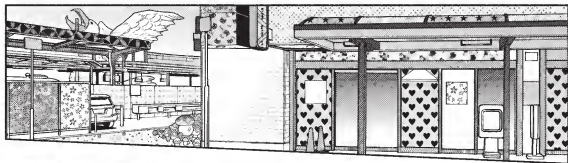
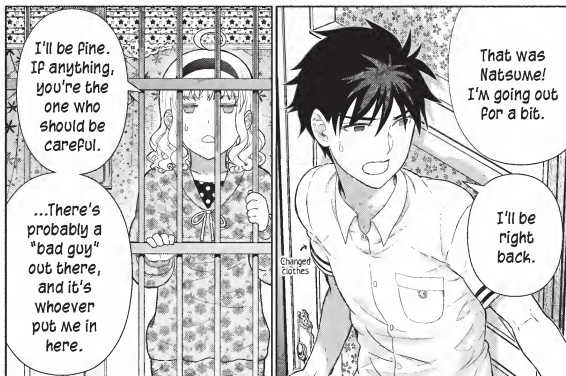


...And that's why the world is like this.

But... Then why are you closed in there, Kasumi?



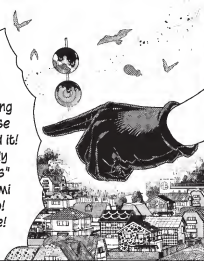








The reason something is going wrong is because someone changed it! And it's probably that "someone's" fault that Kasumi is trapped, too! Look over there!



Your little sister Pilled you in, right?

Yes. She said this was a world you helped her create and that something's going wrong with it.



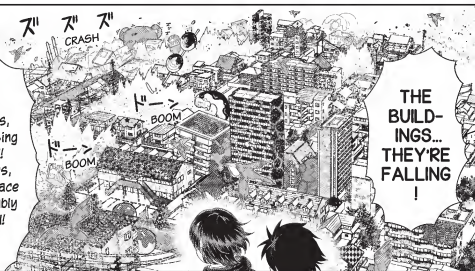
Whoever is doing this, they're erasing this world! In two hours, this whole place will be probably destroyed!

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CRASH

ドン
BOOM

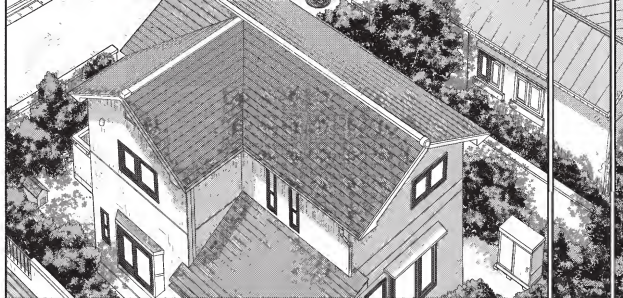
ドン
BOOM

THE BUILDINGS...
THEY'RE FALLING!
!



WE NEED TO STOP THEM BEFORE THIS WORLD DISAPPEARS AND TAKES US WITH IT!







Oh, that's right. I need to start heating this up.



SHE'S INVOKING EXTRA-TERRITORIALITY ?!

Do you three really think you have any rights while you're in this room?



I'LL TALK...

AL-READY, MII?!

I'D LIKE SOME FRIED FOXACCIA, TOO.



TH-THAT'S ...!

MOM'S SPECIAL OVERNIGHT BEEF STEW!



GRRR, YOU LITTLE...! YOU THINK YOU CAN FLAUNT THAT IN FRONT OF US AND GET US TO START TALKING ALL FOR A FEW BITES OF STEW...?!



Here. It's this thing.

I don't know what these plans are used to make, though.



...Tch.

Fine. It's not like they're our friends, anyway. We'll tell you, so will you let us free?

...And for some reason, they say she was with Natsume.

About a week ago, there seem to have been multiple people who spotted her at the Secret Tougetsu City Library.

What would Natsume have to do with this?

Natsume?



...This is—



! Atori.

I've gotten a hold of a bit of interesting info regarding the sister.

シュアッ
SHHT



So... This world is an artificial one?



No clue.

But there's something strange about that.

If Natsume was in the library that day, that means...



Who could
have done
this?



Of course
there is one.
...However,
it's already
been closed.
Probably to
keep us from
leaving.

Yes.

So there's
no exit to
the normal
world or
anything?

...



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Oh,
honestly.

What good
reason is there
for me to have
to play nursemaid
for you at this
hour of the
day?

If you
want to
complain,
complain to
Kazane.

Hmph...
So, what is
it you need
of me?



We
need you
to find
it.

...A few
hours ago,
a multi-
dimensional
special barrier
spell was
detected.

It's
probably
a type of
Nous.

Mega-Tanpopo

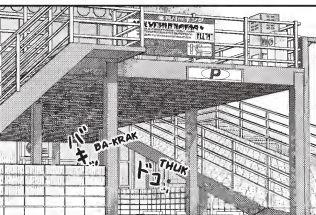


Witchcraft Works

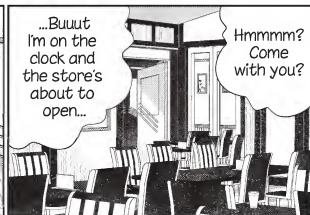
Any
ideas?
I think she's
friends with
Rinon, sooo...
Why don't
you try
asking
her?



Ooooh,
Natsume?
No, I haven't
seen her
today...

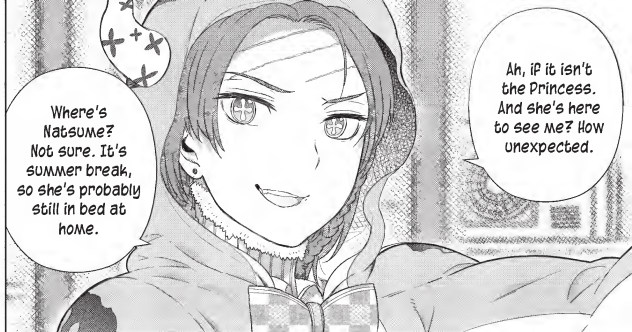


...Buut
I'm on the
clock and
the store's
about to
open...



Hmmmm?
Come
with you?





Where's
Natsume?
Not sure. It's
summer break,
so she's probably
still in bed at
home.

Ah, if it isn't
the Princess.
And she's here
to see me? How
unexpected.



Takamiya
...!

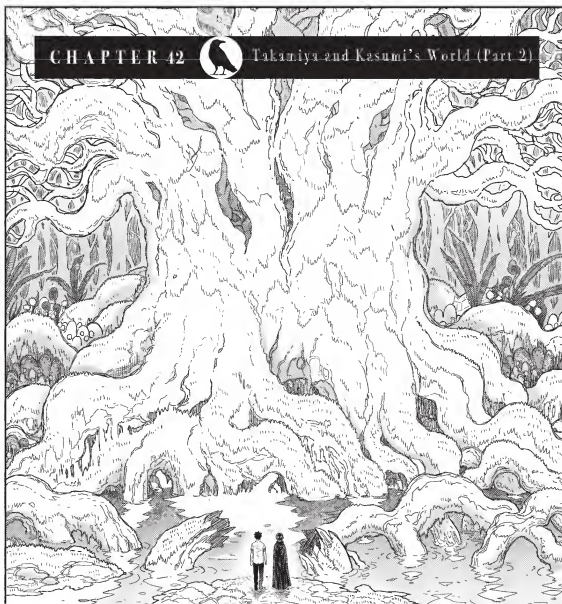
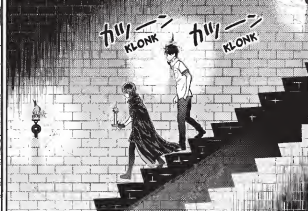
Could
something
have
happened
to her
?

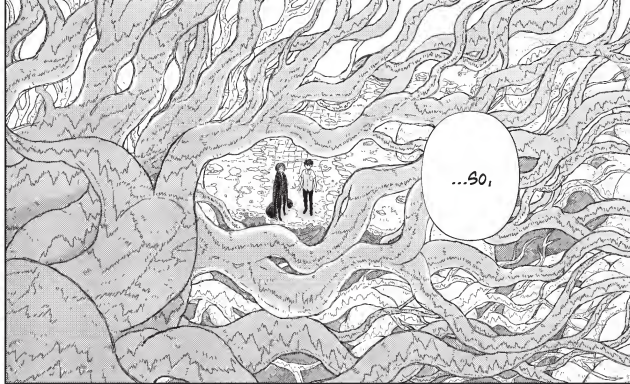
Not
really
...

H-HEY,
WAIT A
SECOND,
PRINCESS
!

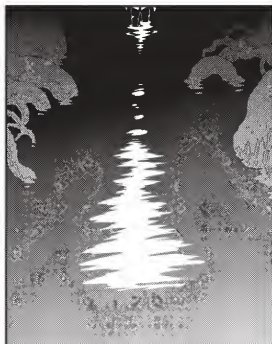
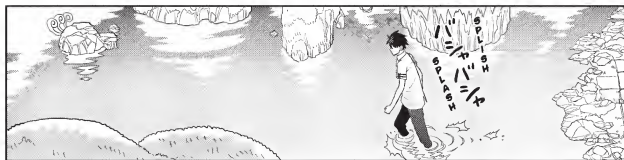
TOUKO,
EXPLAIN
THIS
!

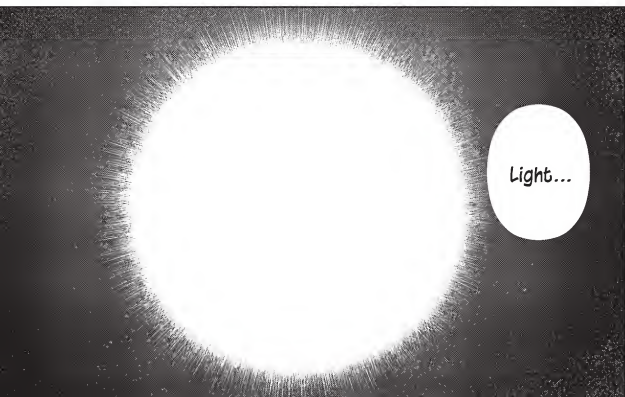
I don't
know
eitherrr
!!

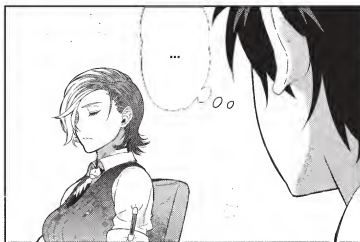






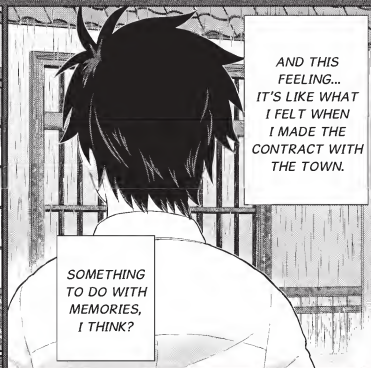
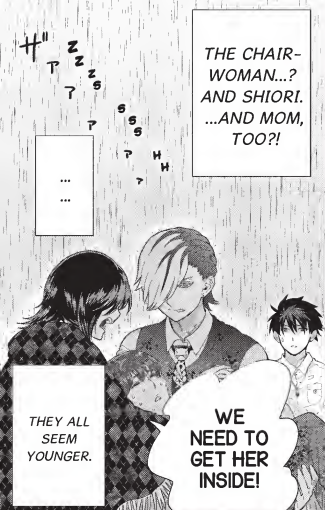














THE
WOUND
ON HER
BACK.

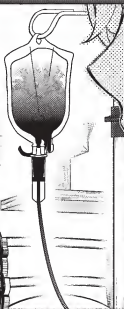
MOM'S
HURT.

...IS
THIS A
MEMORY
FROM
WHEN SHE
GOT IT?



Yes,
that's
true...

If we
leave
her like
this.



ANSWER
ME,
KAZANE!!

SHE WON'T
MAKE IT TO
MORNING IF
WE LEAVE
HER LIKE
THIS!



AND WHY
DID YOU
BRING HER
HERE—

...What
are you
thinking
of doing?

...Hold
on.

You—





MAKING A
CONTRACT OF
BLOOD WITH
KOMACHI?!
YOU MUST BE
INSANE!

YOU'RE A
WITCH OF
THE END! DO
YOU EVEN
UNDERSTAND
WHAT THAT
MEANS?!



YOU'RE NOT
ALLOWED TO
USE MAGIC
TO INTERFERE
IN A REGULAR
HUMAN'S
AFFAIRS!

USING
YOUR OWN
BLOOD TO
REPLENISH
KOMACHI IS
A MAJOR
VIOLATION OF
THE RULES!!

A WITCH
OF THE
END?

SHE SAID THAT
WITCHES WITH
INCREDIBLE
AMOUNTS OF
POWER HAVE
TO ACCEPT
VARIOUS
RESTRAINTS IF
THEY WANT TO
REMAIN IN
THIS WORLD.

THAT'S
RIGHT,
KAGARI TOLD
ME ABOUT
THEM
BEFORE.

THE PROBLEM IS
THAT YOU'LL BE
BREAKING THE RULES!
IF YOU BREAK THEM,
NOT ONLY WILL YOU
BE BANISHED FROM
THIS WORLD,
SO WILL THE HUMAN
WHOSE LIFE YOU
INTERFERED IN!!

HEALING,
CONTRACTS,
IT DOESN'T
MATTER!!

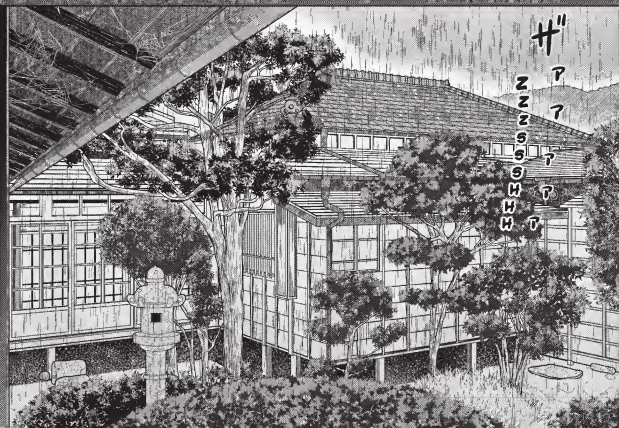
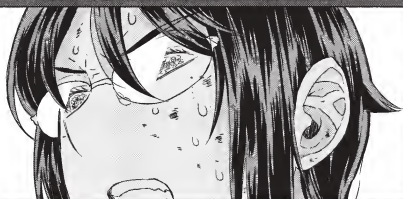
SO EVEN
IF YOU DO
SAVE HER
NOW, YOU'LL
BE TAKING
AWAY HER
FUTURE!!

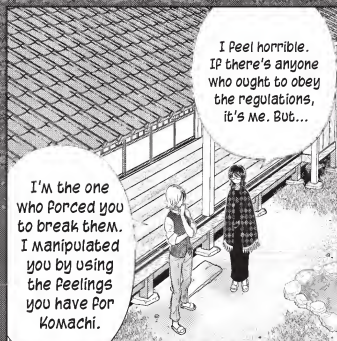
This
isn't a
contract.

I'm only going
to give her a
small amount
of blood to
increase her
body's ability
to heal itself.

What
...?!

That's why
I came here.
Because you're
the witch who
manages the
memories of
this town,
Shiori.





I'm the one
who forced you
to break them.
I manipulated
you by using
the feelings
you have for
Komachi.

I feel horrible.
If there's anyone
who ought to obey
the regulations,
it's me. But...



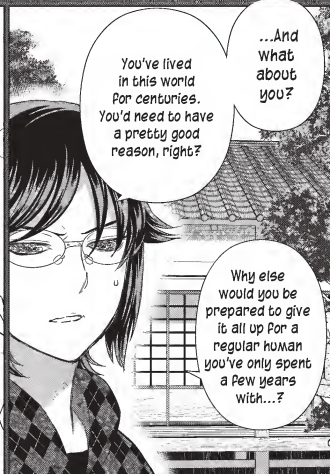
Komachi
is stable.
She should
be alright.

Looks
like the
sun is
up.



...You
know, I
wonder
why.

PUFF



You've lived
in this world
for centuries.
You'd need to have
a pretty good
reason, right?

...And
what
about
you?

Why else
would you be
prepared to give
it all up for a
regular human
you've only spent
a few years
with...?

...If
anything
happens,
contact me
here.



I'm
going to
be leaving
this town.
Thank you,
Shiori.

I doubt
I'll ever
interact
with
Komachi
again.

When she
wakes up,
please tell
her I'm
somewhere
far away.

SOMETHING
TROUBLE-
SOME HAS
HAPPENED.

IT'S ME...
IT'S SHIORI.
I GUESS IT'S BEEN
SEVEN YEARS ALREADY?
...DOES THIS NUMBER
STILL WORK? IT'S
THE ONE YOU GAVE ME.
IF YOU HEAR THIS,
I WANT YOU TO COME
TO MY HOME.

HEY,
THIS IS
KAZANE.
LEAVE A
MESSAGE.

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So,
what's this
trouble?

You seem to be
the same as ever.
You look identical
to the last time
I saw you.

...We haven't
met since
that night,
have we? It's
nice to see
you again.



But I
decided
that I
wouldn't
ever...

They're
actually inside.
I'd like you to
take a look
at them.

Yes. I understand
she was blessed
with two. She
seems to be doing
well, and I couldn't
be happier.

...Did you
hear that
Komachi had
children?



-Koma-
chi!

Is
that you,
Kazane?!
You've come
back to
town?!



...H-Hello.
Nice to
meet you.

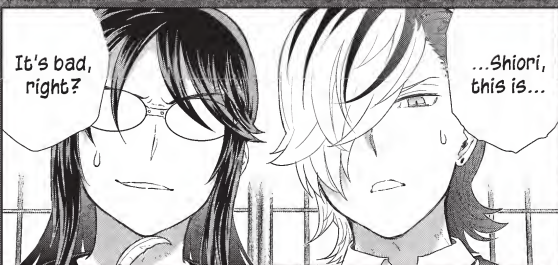
...



Hey,
Honoka,
Kasumi!

Come out
here and
say hello
to Miss
Kazane!

She's
an old
friend of
Mommy's
!



It's bad,
right?

...Shiori,
this is...



IF he goes out
of control and
the Folks up
top find out...
We could all
be at risk.

It's
going to
be bad
if we
don't do
some-
thing!

He's
showing
signs.

That's right.
Which is why
we have to do
something to
make sure that
never happens.



That
stuffed
animal...
It was in
terrible
condition
...

I'm
worried
about
how
that
little
sister
will
grow
up.

THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I'M TALKING
ABOUT!
I'M TALKING
ABOUT
HONOKA!!

Y-Yeah,
I know.



I'm leaving
this to you,
Kazane.

To me?
Agh...



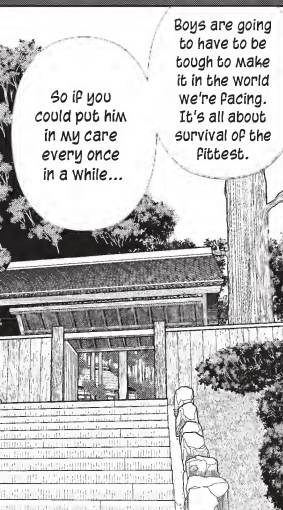
...I have
a daughter
who's the
same age as
Honoka.

I had her
because I
thought he would
need a close
childhood friend
to support him
some day.

...

What
about what
you did,
Shiori?

Who was it that
gave Komachi a
future again?
You need to live
up to your
responsibility!



Boys are going to have to be tough to make it in the world we're facing. It's all about survival of the fittest.

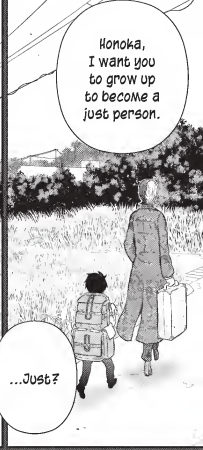




Someone
who doesn't
do bad
things.

Someone
who helps
people in
need.

Someone
that lives
by their own
code of right
and wrong.



Honoka,
I want you
to grow up
to become a
just person.

...Just?



SO THE FIRST
TIME I MET THE
CHAIRWOMAN...
WASN'T WHEN I
FIRST WENT TO
BECOME KAGARI'S
APPRENTICE.

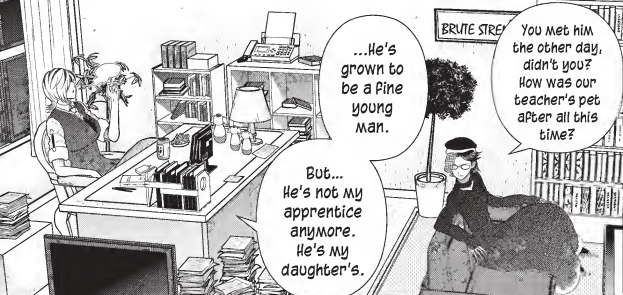
I'VE BEEN HAVING
DREAMS LIKE THIS
LATELY ABOUT THE
CHAIRWOMAN THAT
TAKE PLACE WHEN
I WAS YOUNG...
SHE TAKES ME
TO LOTS OF
DIFFERENT SPOTS.



Welcome
to the
Workshop
!!



This must be
the first time
we've spoken
face-to-face,
Honoka
Takamiya.



...He's grown to be a fine young man.

You met him the other day, didn't you? How was our teacher's pet after all this time?

But... He's not my apprentice anymore. He's my daughter's.

...You can't let your guard down, Kazane. You may have been able to erase his past and his memories, but you can't change who he is.



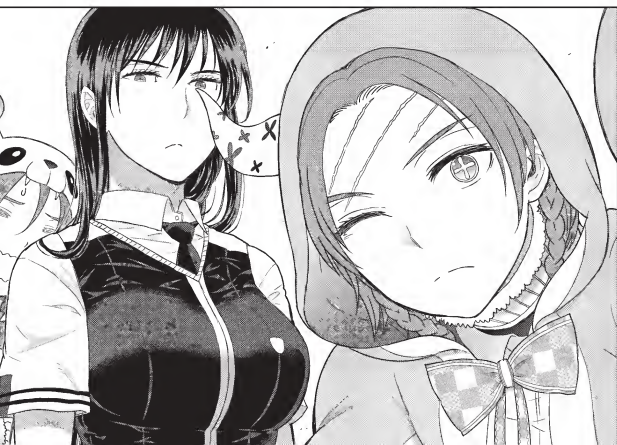
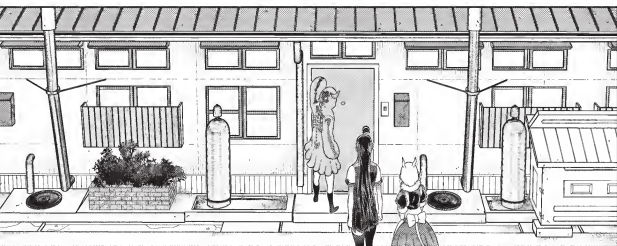
HE'S NOT LIKE KOMACHI OR HIS LITTLE SISTER. YOUR BLOOD RUNS IN HIS VEINS.

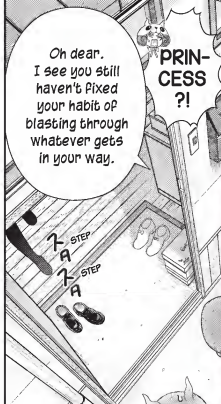


*The
Chairwoman's
blood...*

*Runs
in my
veins?*







Oh dear.
I see you still
haven't fixed
your habit of
blasting through
whatever gets
in your way.

PRIN-
CESS
?!
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We've
knocked,
we've rung,
and still no
reply.

Natsume
doesn't
seem to
be here,
Princ...



...
UH-

THAT'S
...!

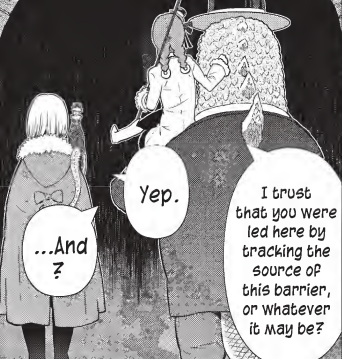


Umm...
Should we
really go in
uninvited
?



...
Why
did you
stop...

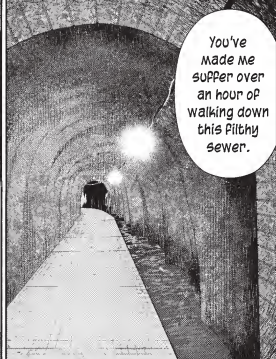
?
What's
the
matter
?



...And
?

Yep.

I trust
that you were
led here by
tracking the
source of
this barrier,
or whatever
it may be?



You've
made me
supper over
an hour of
walking down
this filthy
sewer.



Weekend
?



Whatever
could be
your ex-
planation
for him,
then...



Meanwhile, Mega-Tanpopo...



WAS DOZING AWAY.

Witchcraft Works



But while
I was
on my way,
I was
ambushed
and left like
that!

Ahhh.
Thank you
so much.

I had just
detected an
intruder into
the tree's
space, so I
was heading
toward it.



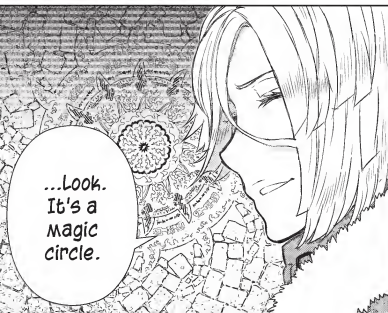
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Though
we've come in
search of the
source of the
barrier.

I
suppose.



I take it
you're acting
according to
the Chair-
woman's
commands
as well?



...Look.
It's a
magic
circle.

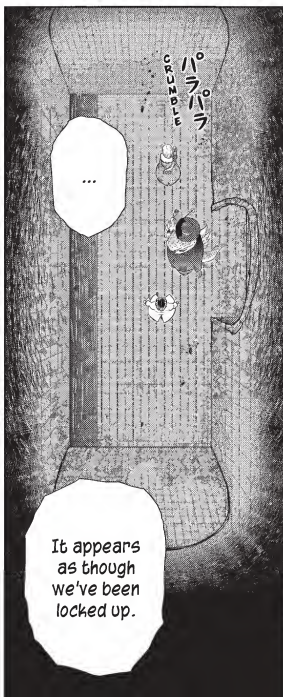


Weekend.



Seems
like we've
fallen for
a trap.

But it's
a fake.



It appears
as though
we've been
locked up.





CHAPTER 43



Takamiya and Kasumi's World (Part 3)



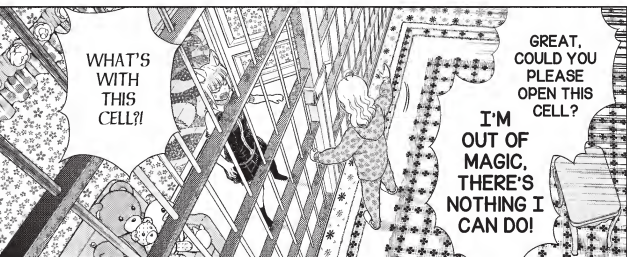


FURRY-EAR!
YOU REALLY
ARE BACK TO
NORMAL!

HEY! YOU,
THE TAKAMIYA
SISTER! WHAT
IN THE WORLD
IS GOING ON?!
WHERE AM I?!
YOU'D BETTER
GET ME-OWT
OF HERE!!

ワニヤ
MURROW

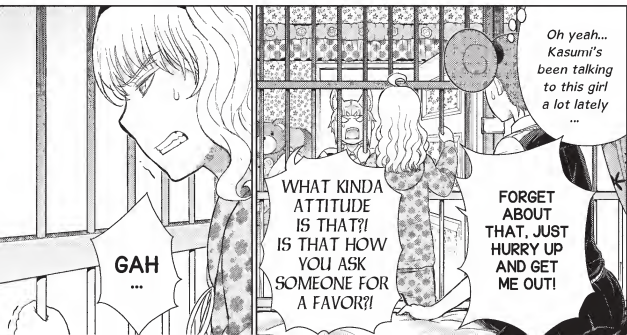
BAM



WHAT'S
WITH
THIS
CELL?!

GREAT,
COULD YOU
PLEASE
OPEN THIS
CELL?

I'M
OUT OF
MAGIC,
THERE'S
NOTHING I
CAN DO!

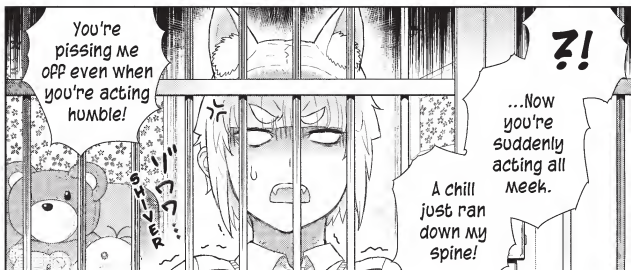


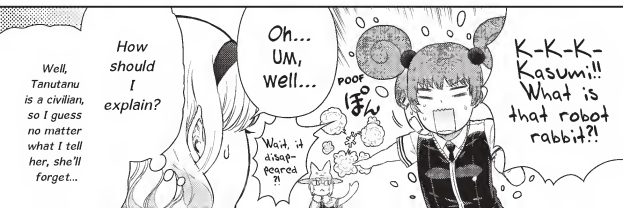
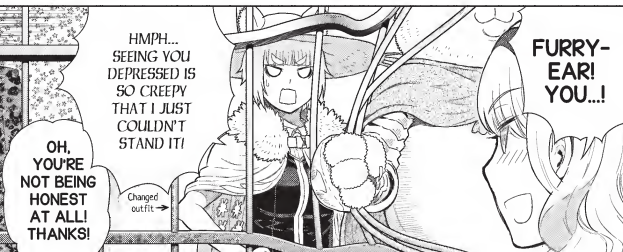
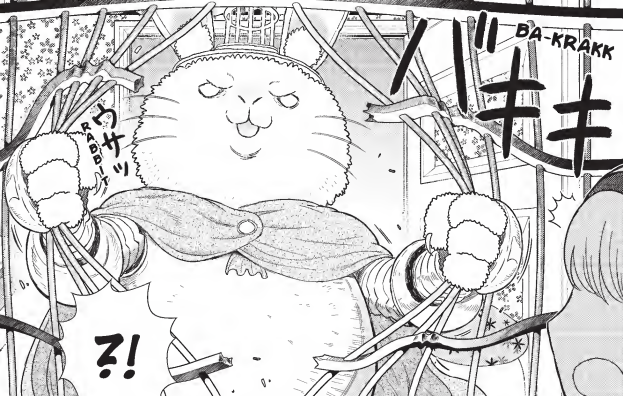
GAH
...

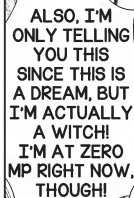
WHAT KINDA
ATTITUDE
IS THAT?!
IS THAT HOW
YOU ASK
SOMEONE FOR
A FAVOR?!

FORGET
ABOUT
THAT, JUST
HURRY UP
AND GET
ME OUT!

Oh yeah...
Kasumi's
been talking
to this girl
a lot lately
...







ALSO, I'M
ONLY TELLING
YOU THIS
SINCE THIS IS
A DREAM, BUT
I'M ACTUALLY
A WITCH!
I'M AT ZERO
MP RIGHT NOW,
THOUGH!



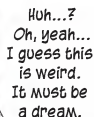
Tanutanu,
this is all
a dream!
Doesn't
everything
seem off
to you?!



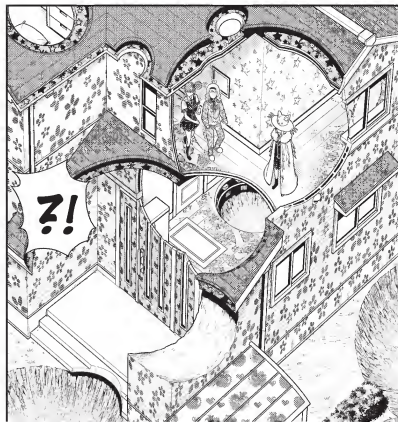
H-HEY!
TAKAMIYA'S
SISTER!!
WHAT
THE HECK
IS THIS?!



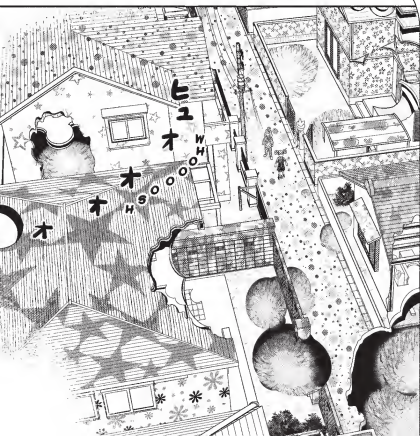
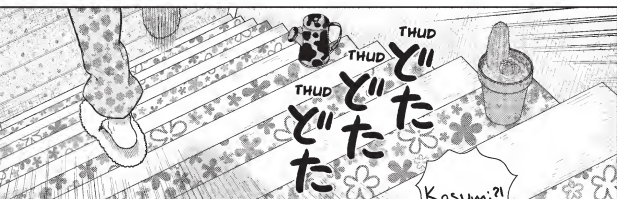
So...
What do
you mean?
A witch
...??



Huh...?
Oh, yeah...
I guess this
is weird.
It must be
a dream.



WHAT'S
WRONG,
FURRY-
EAR?!





...I need
to start by
finding my
big brother.
He must
be with
Natsume.

...
Kasumi?



Th-The
town...
My
world...

The
houses
are all so
colorful,
plus
they're
all falling
apart!!

What's
going on,
Kasumi
?!



Um,
you know...
It'll take
time if we
searched
that way.

You
might've
made this
world, but
it's still a
big one.

And actually,
since this is
your world,
shouldn't it be
easier for you
to find someone
in it than for
anyone else?



Hey, Furry-ear.
Can you use your
rabbit soldiers
to find my big
brother?

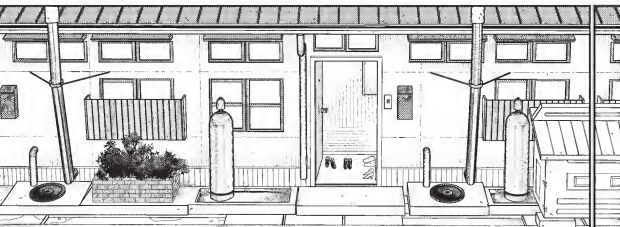
HUH?
WHY SHOULD
I HAVE TO
HELP YOU
OUT?!

OH, STOP IT
WITH THAT!
YOU JUST NOW
SAVED ME WHILE
YOU WERE PUTTING
UP THAT MEAN
ACT!!



Huh?

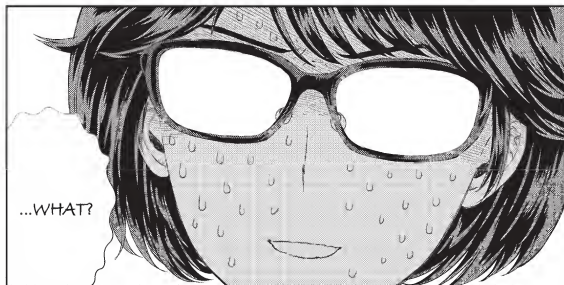
Now
that you
mention
it...







YOU NEED
TO TELL ME
EVERYTHING
YOU KNOW!





Plus, you tried to hide from me as you secretly met with Takamiya after school, right?

FWIP

?!



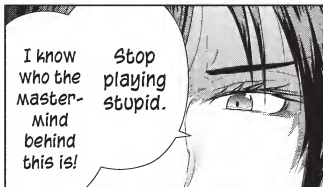
What did you say to him?

Mom and Furry-ear are gone, too. Where are they?



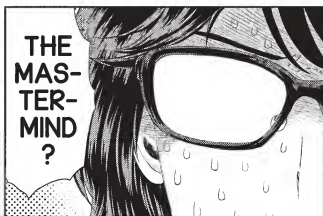
There are suspicions that you kidnapped Takamiya together with his sister, who you convinced to be your accomplice.

This comes from eyewitness testimony that the two of you were at the library together.



I know who the master-mind behind this is!

Stop playing stupid.



THE MASTER-MIND ?



This is getting pretty complicated, isn't it?

Yeah...

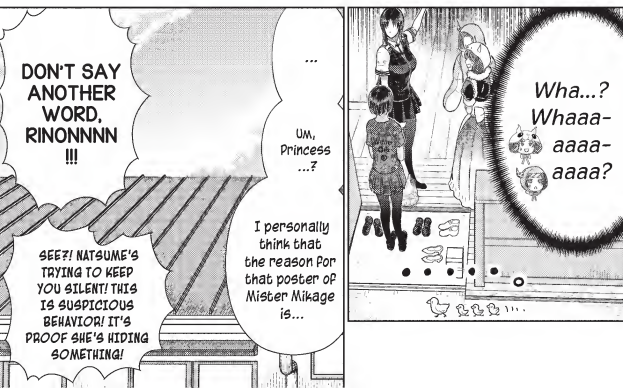
KIDNAPPED? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IS TAKAMIYA GONE?

W-WAIT A SECOND. I THINK THERE'S BEEN A HUGE MISUNDERSTANDING HERE. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!



IT ALL MADE
SENSE ONCE
I CAME HERE!
THIS PLOT IS
ALL THE DOING
OF KYOICHIRO
MIKAGE...
THAT PERVERT!!

THAT MAN
OVER THERE
WHOSE
POSTER IS
PLASTERED
ACROSS
YOUR
WHOLE
WALL!



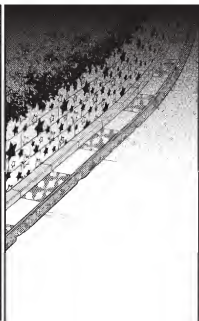
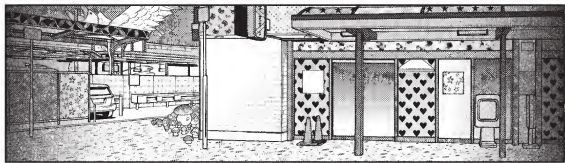
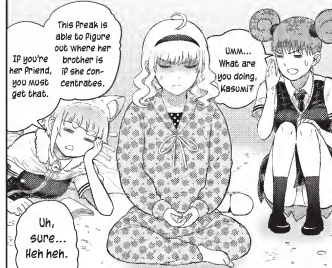
DON'T SAY
ANOTHER
WORD,
RINONNNN
!!!

Um,
Princess
...?

SEE? NATSUME'S
TRYING TO KEEP
YOU SILENT! THIS
IS SUSPICIOUS
BEHAVIOR! IT'S
PROOF SHE'S HIDING
SOMETHING!

I personally
think that
the reason for
that poster of
Mister Mikage
is...

Wha...?
Whaaa-
aaaa-
aaaa?



Focus.

Where is he...





BAM
はっ

Are you
okay?

Agh
...



BOOM

KYAA!



OW...



Huh...?
Whaaaa?!

...Hop on.



Yeah...
I'm Fine...

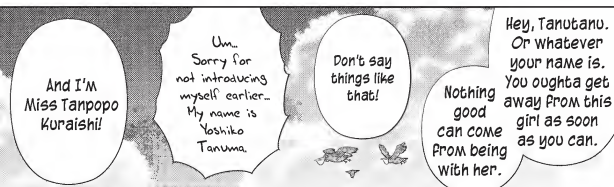
—Can
you
stand
?

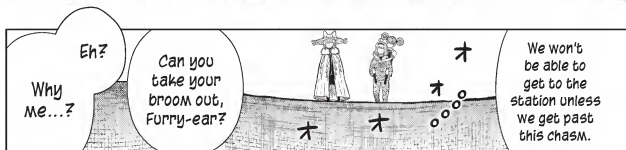
oww...

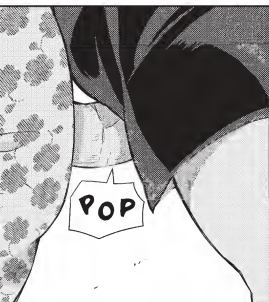


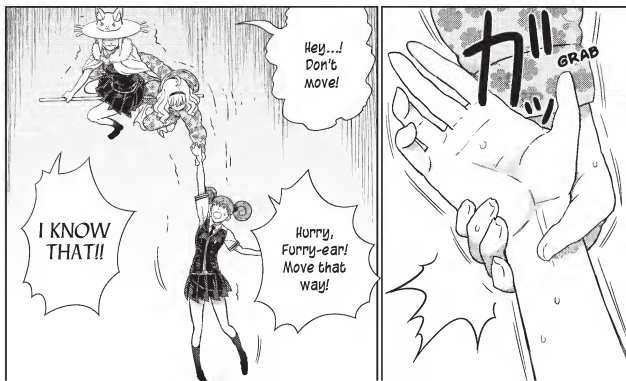
Hurry
up!

No, it's fine!
I'm heavy, and
it only hurts
a little bit!
There's no need
for that!!

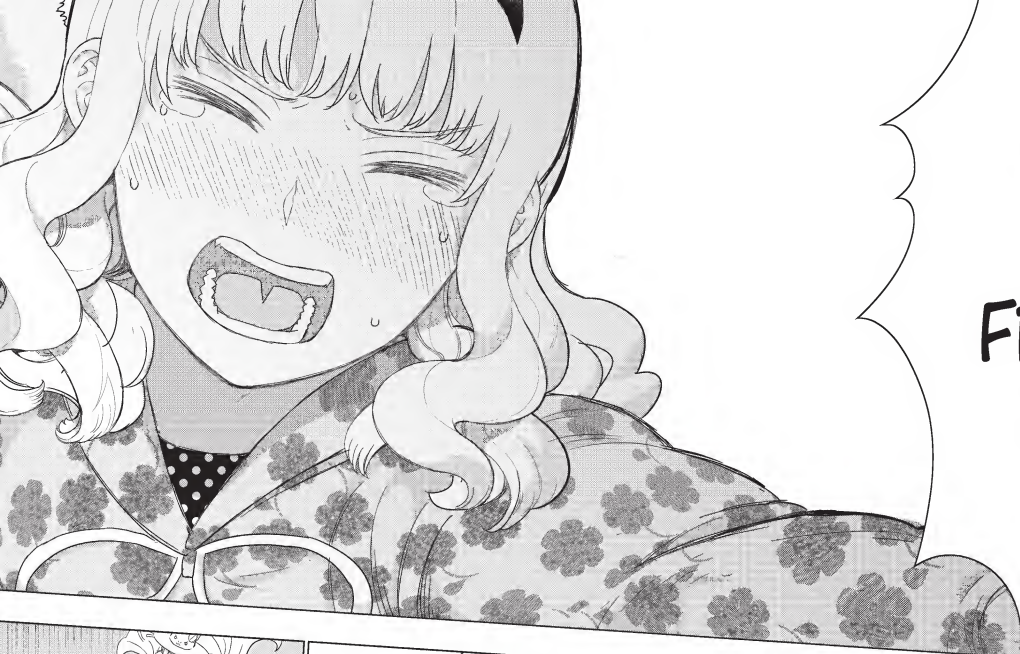












WE'RE
BEST
FRIENDS,
AREN'T
WE?!



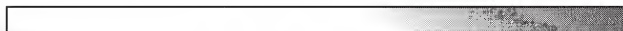
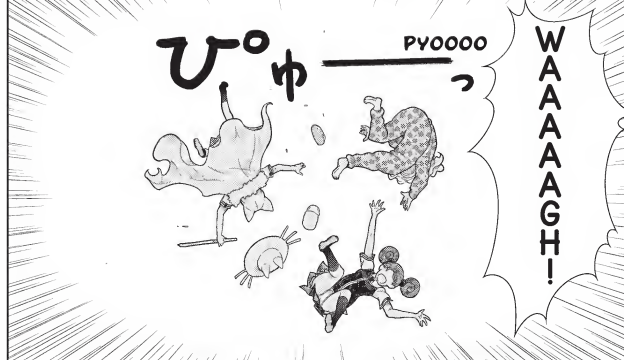
Huh?



WHOAI
A GUST
OF WIND
?!
WOBBLE

AH—!







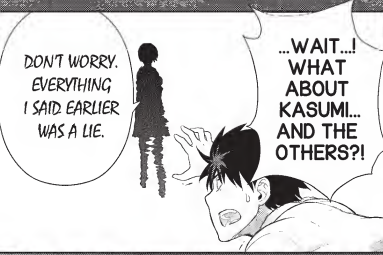
Your
Mission
...?

OH,
HONOKA.
YOU'RE
AWAKE?

N...
Natsume
?

MY MISSION
TO CONNECT
YOU TO THE
CHAIRWOMAN'S
MEMORIES.

...GOOD JOB.
MY MISSION
HERE IS
COMPLETE.

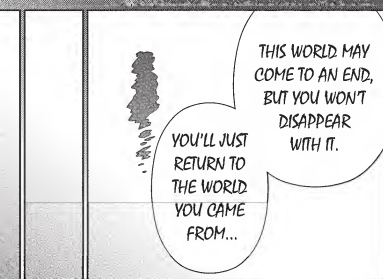


DON'T WORRY.
EVERYTHING
I SAID EARLIER
WAS A LIE.

...WAIT...!
WHAT
ABOUT
KASUMI...
AND THE
OTHERS?!



What
are you...
talking
about...?

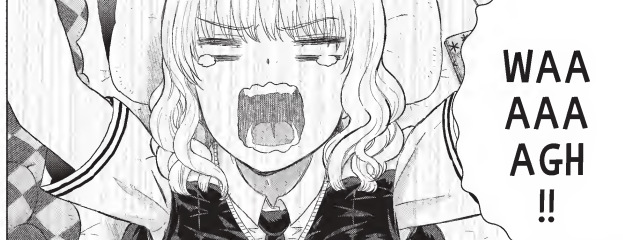


THIS WORLD MAY
COME TO AN END,
BUT YOU WON'T
DISAPPEAR
WITH IT.

YOU'LL JUST
RETURN TO
THE WORLD
YOU CAME
FROM...

AND NOW
I HAVE SOME OF
HER MEMORIES IN
MY POSSESSION.
I'M DONE WITH
THIS PLACE.

...GOOD-
BYE.



**WAA
AAA
AGH
!!**



...
Wai—
...Hm?
?



**AAAA
AAGH!
BUH-BUH-
BUH-
BAAAAHH
!!**

**AAAA
AAHHH!!
I DON'T
WANNA DIE,
HONOKAAA
!!**



My task
is to
watch
over you.

It takes
time.
If you want
to complain,
you do it
yourself.

**HOW MUCH
LONGER
WILL IT TAKE
YOU TO
PLACE THESE
BOMBS?**



I'VE BEEN
FALSELY
ACCUSED
!!

**HURRY
UP AND
TALK!**



Is this my
room?

Mom's Dream



Witchcraft Works



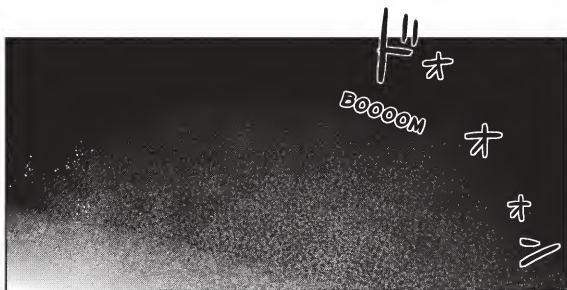




CHAPTER 44



Takamiya and Kasumi's World
(The Aftermath)



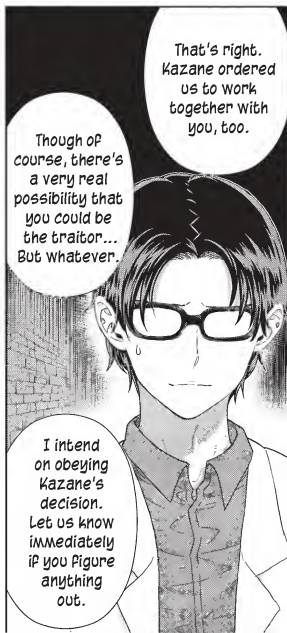




Are you
saying...

Where would
a witch capable
of that have
come from?

That our
enemy is a
Workshop
witch?



That's right.
Kazane ordered
us to work
together with
you, too.

Though of
course, there's
a very real
possibility that
you could be
the traitor...
But whatever.

I intend
on obeying
Kazane's
decision.
Let us know
immediately
if you figure
anything
out.



I've lost my
chance to capture
the White Princess,
anyway. All that's
left for me is
to wait for
my exile.

I want to
find them
and get my
revenge.

I negotiated
with Kazane
for a little bit
of freedom.
We made a
mutually
beneficial
deal.

If her enemy
is hiding within
her own circle,
we become
convenient
allies, don't
we?



This must be
what it's like to
suffer in hell.
Thanks to her,
it took ages to
plant even a
single bomb...

Just look
at what
Kazane's
done to
me...



Letting me loose?
Did you really
think that the Bad
End would be so
magnanimous
with me?



TH-THEN...
PFFT...
I'LL... STAY
HERE.

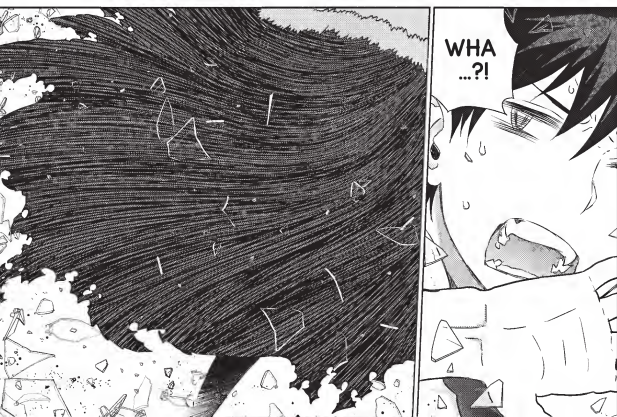
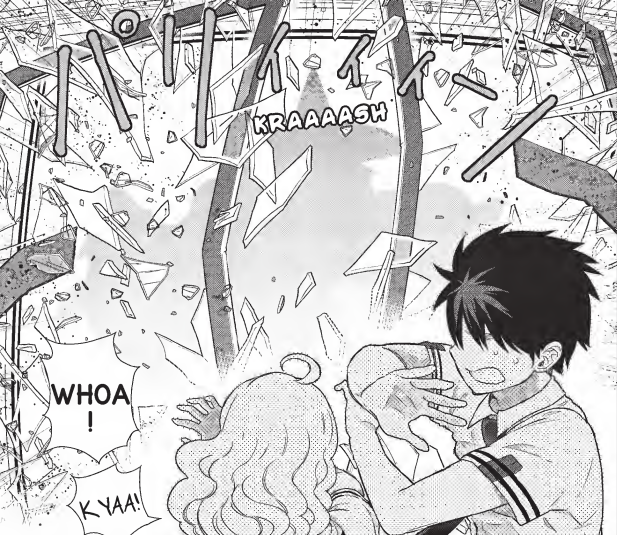
...Ugh.
Let's go,
Chronoire!

...DON'T
LAUGH!

AAAA
HAHAHA!

Haha... Wh-
What?! Y-Your
appearance,
it's... *snicker*

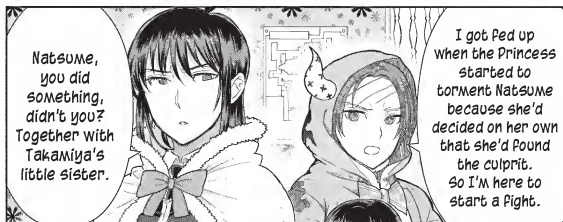


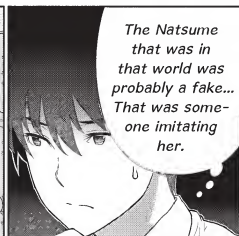














It's
alright,
Takamiya.



I'M SORRY,
KAGARI!
UM, RINON!
THIS IS MY
FAULT!
SO IF ANYONE
SHOULD
APOLOGIZE,
I...



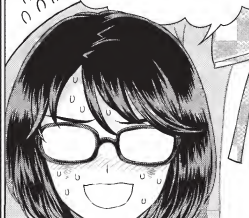
I'm
sorry.

Natsume,
I was
mistaken.

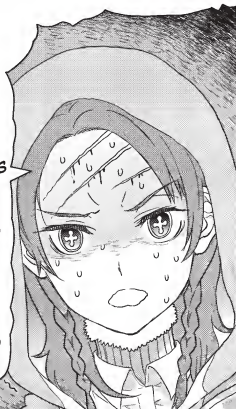
The arrogant Princess,
who's always done
nothing but blast
through whatever
obstacles stand in
her way if she so
much as feels like it...

The Princess,
that cold, callous,
emotionless robot
who never stops
blaming others even
if she's entirely
at fault...

...OH, UH, O-OF
COURSE...!
IT'S TOTALLY
FINE! UM...



The Princess
who has my
unending
respect and
admiration,
who never stops
to consider
the trouble
she causes for
others, and
whose pure-
hearted will
pursues
nothing but her
own sense
of justice?!



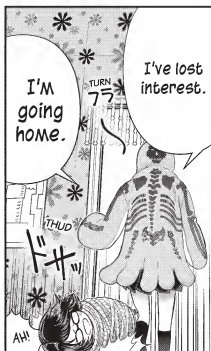
WHA...?
IMPOS-
SIBLE
...!



WHERE SHE'S
APOLOGIZING
FOR HER
IMPOLITENESS
TO A WEAK
LITTLE GIRL
WHO'S
CLEARLY
BELOW HER
?!



SINCE
WHEN
HAS THAT
PRINCESS
MELLOWED
TO THE
POINT





This time...
It felt like
you had
disappeared
from this
world
entirely.

I was
worried,
Takamiya.

I know
you've
strayed
from
my side
before,
but...



HOLD ON,
NO WAY!
LEAVE
ME
ALONE!

What if
something
happens?

WAIT, KAGARI!!
WHY ARE YOU
EVEN TRYING
TO FOLLOW
ME INTO THE
BATHROOM?!



...Don't
worry.
I'm not
going
anywhere.

The Melancholy of Rinon



Witchcraft Works



BUT IT
SEEMS LIKE
SHE'S
DIFFERENT
FROM THE
WAY SHE
USED TO
BE.

KAGARI'S
BEEN
ACTING
STRANGELY
THESE
DAYS.

...WELL, I DON'T
KNOW IF YOU
COULD CALL IT
STRANGE. THE
WAY SHE USED
TO ACT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
STRANGER.

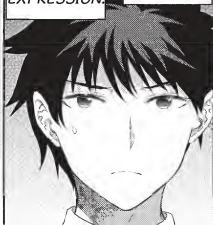


Good
morning,
Kagari.

Good
morning,
Takamiya.

IT'S LIKE
SHE'S
SHOWING
MORE
THAN ONE
EXPRESSION.

HOW
WOULD I
PUT IT...







CHAPTER 45



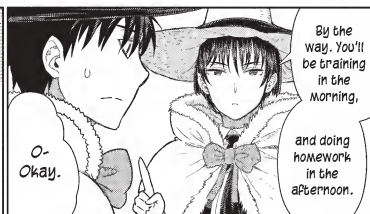
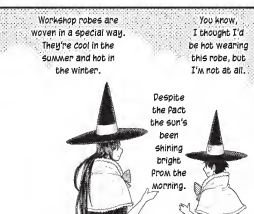
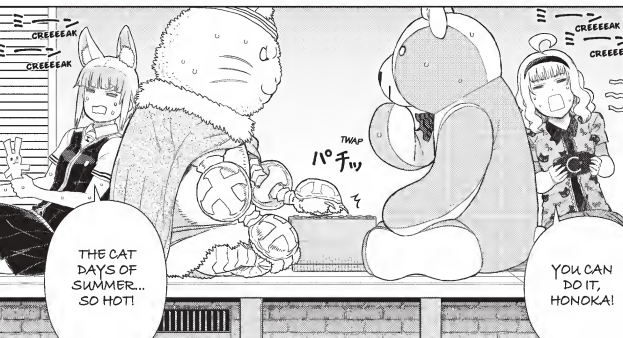
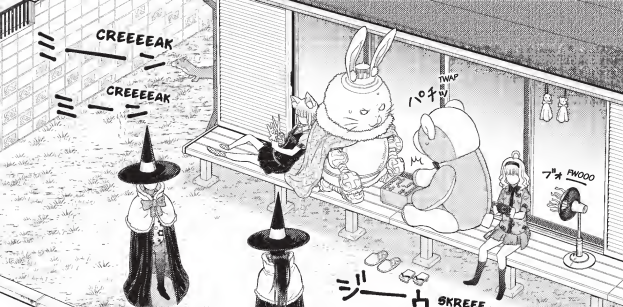
Takamiya and Kagari's
Summer Lessons



Takamiya!
At long
last, it's
summer
break!

Starting
today,
you're going
to be hard
at work!
You ought to
be ready!

O-Okay.





Do you remember when I taught you about summoning a familiar before?

Yeah, we did it up on top of that building.



So,

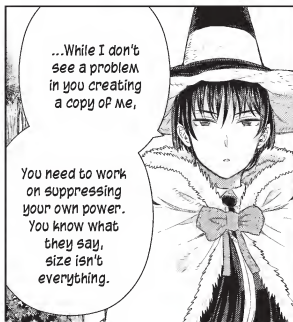
what are we going to do today?



The Chairwoman was furious about that!

URKI!

Oh, I know about that! It was when you summoned that giant nurse Princess, right?



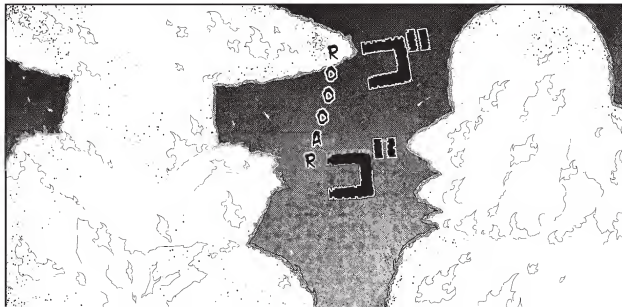
...While I don't see a problem in you creating a copy of me,

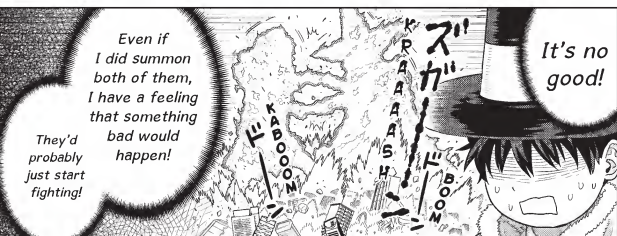
You need to work on suppressing your own power. You know what they say, size isn't everything.



Hmph. If you're going to summon anyone, you ought to consider your dependable little sister.

Blood is thicker than water, big brother!







HUH?

Hold on,
do you even
understand
what a
Familiar is?



And your
little sister's
stuffed
animal.

It has a
special bond
with you,
Takamiya. That's
why it's such a
powerful and
obedient
Familiar.

For example,
my rabbit
soldiers are
masterpieces I
brought to life
out of my love
for rabbits.

I love
creatures
with big ears,
you see.

Familiars are
like a part of
yourself.
They're not
something you
just think up
and create
willy-nilly.



Of course,
I doubt you'll
even be able to
make one in the
first place!
NYAAHAHA!

Familiars
manifest
themselves
in the forms
they ought
to be.

It's your
heart that
decides
how they
come out.



BUT
WHAT
DOES
THAT
MEAN
FOR
ME?

THE
FORM IT
OUGHT
TO BE,
HUH...?

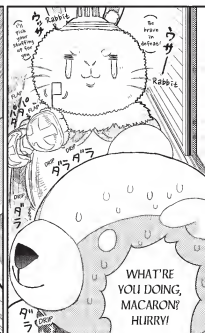


FOCUS
...



AND
ANYWAY, PRINCESS!
I'M ALMOST TO THE
END OF MY ROPE
WITH YOU!!
LET'S SETTLE
THIS HERE AND
NOW!!

...



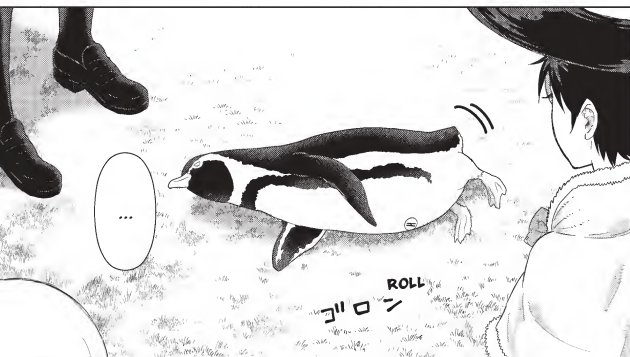
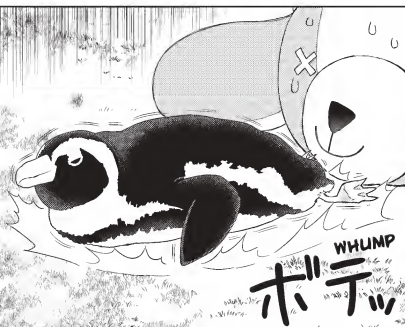
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E
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A
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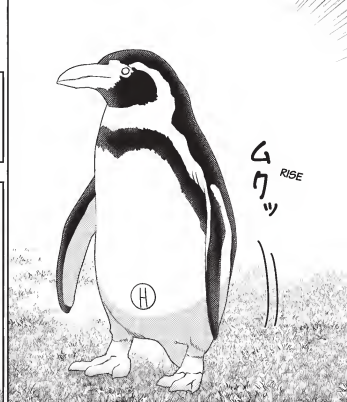
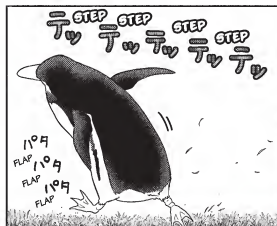
ピカ
FLASH

Familiar
!

WHAT'S
THE MATTER?
WHY DID YOU
STOP ALL OF
A SUDDEN?

MACCARON?





...Didn't that
just come out
of the bear?

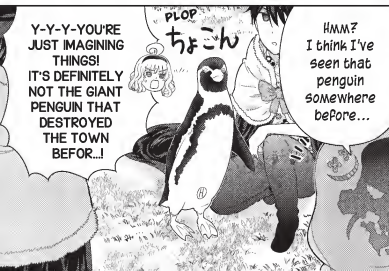
That thing... just came
out of Macaron, right?
And it has Honoka's seal
on it... Is that the same
one that went wild in
town before...?

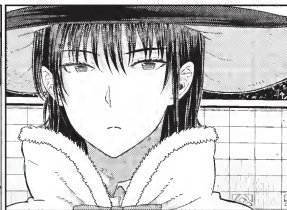
NO NEED TO
SWEAT THE
DETAILS,
PRINCESS!

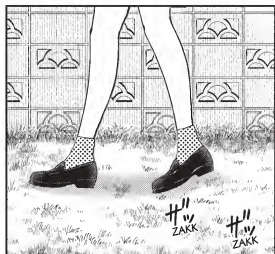
It's my
familiar
!!

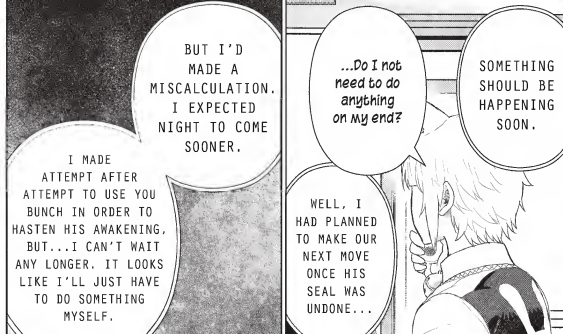










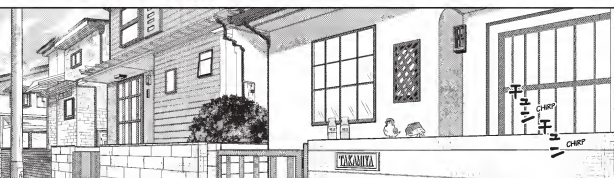


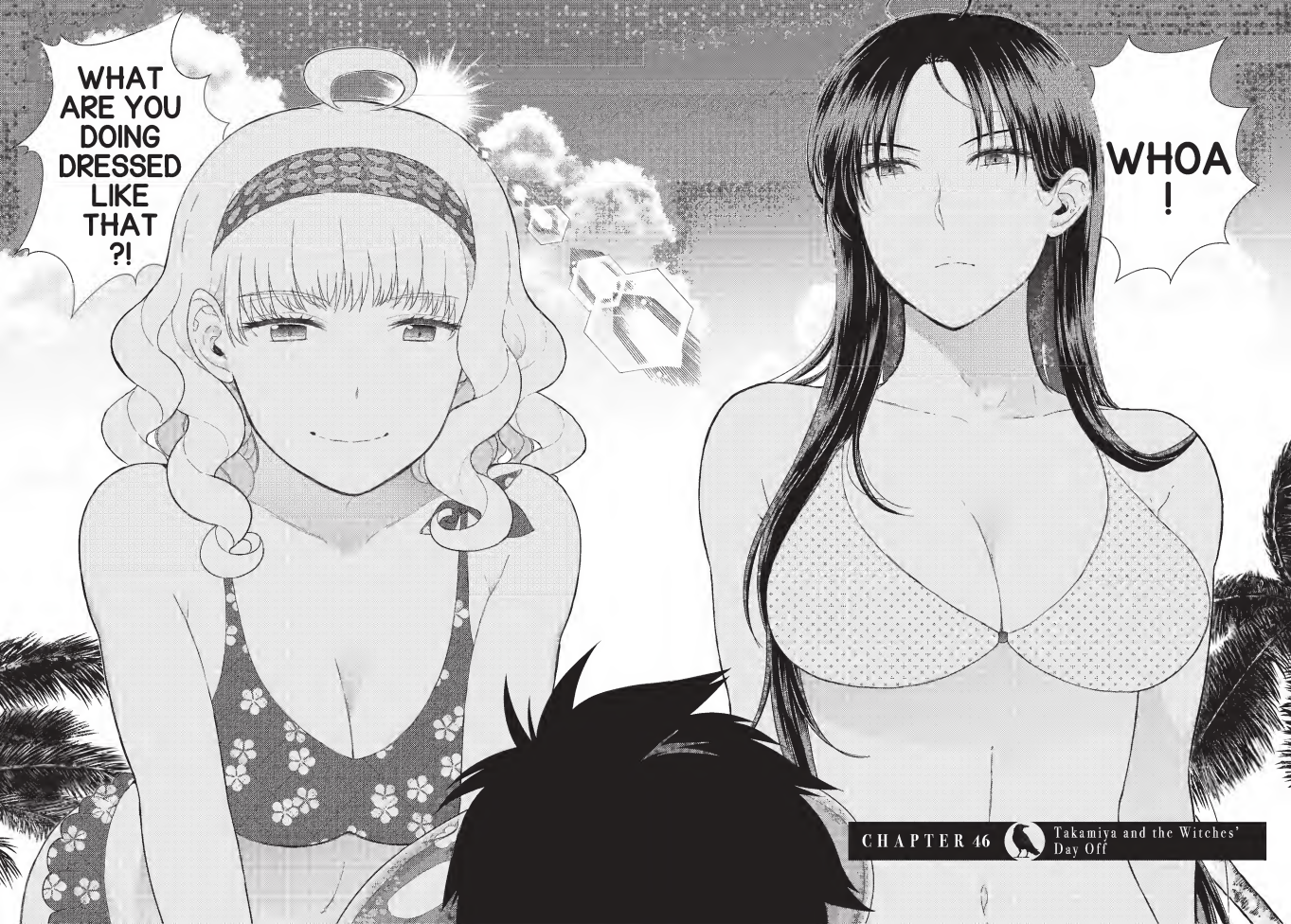
How Kagari Shows Her Love



N-NO,
KAGARI!!
HE'S NOT
A STUFFED
ANIMAL!

Witchcraft Works





WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
DRESSED
LIKE
THAT
?!

WHOA
!





I'M PRETTY SURE I WENT TO SLEEP LAST NIGHT IN THE SAME BED AS ALWAYS!

AND WHERE AM I, ANYWAY?!

ハル
THINK



I don't understand what's...

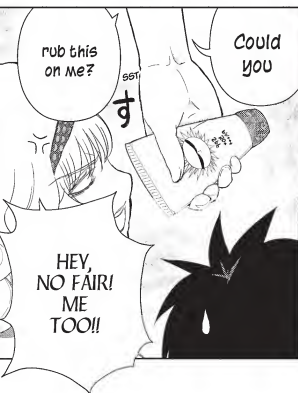
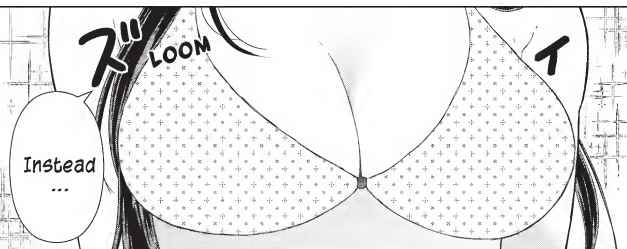
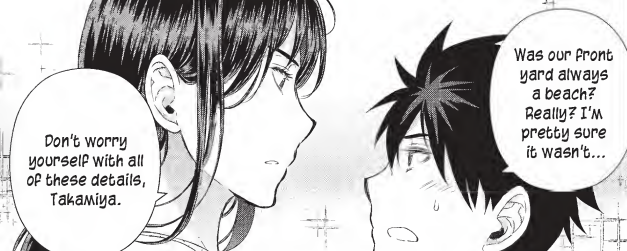
...Huh?
And I'm in a swimsuit, too!



That's right, Takamiya. Don't say such strange things.

?!
They're right. Our house is right there...

What do you mean, Honoka? We live right by the beach, remember?







I'd really like you to get my inner thighs!

Is that enough?

Okay, okay.

IT'S YOUR TURN NEXT ...KA-KA KAGARI...

A-ALRIGHT...

No, it just tickled a little. Keep going.

O-OKAY.

AGH! S-S-S-SORRY! DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?

イラ GRRR イラ

AND YOUR SKIN IS SO SMOOTH.

Really?

きゃっ

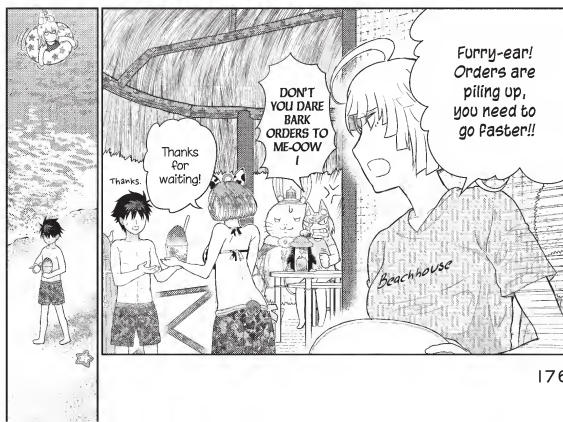
Y-YOU KNOW, KAGARI... YOU'RE REALLY SOFT, AREN'T YOU?

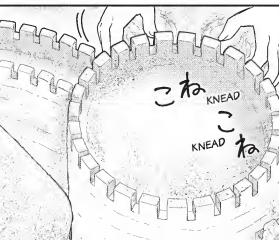
きゃっ

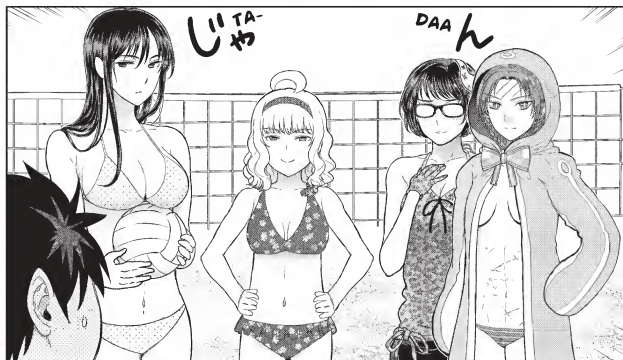
Ooh...











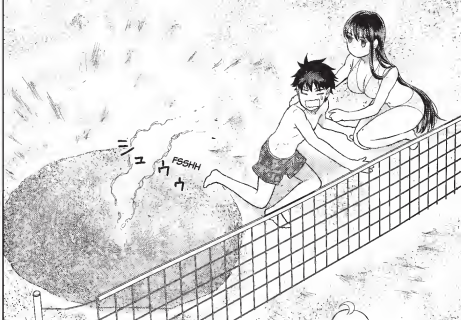
I WANTED TO BE THE ONE TO TEAM WITH YOU, BUT THEN THE PRINCESS AND RINON WOULD END UP TEAMING, AND WHO COULD EVER BEAT THEM? PLUS, I DON'T FEEL LIKE TEAMING UP WITH THE PRINCESS, SO THIS IS WHAT WE'LL DO!

YOU TEAM UP WITH THE PRINCESS, HONOKA!

OKAY, IT'S TIME TO PLAY BEACH VOLLEYBALL!



NO WAY I'D
EVER BE ABLE
TO RETURN
THAT!



Hah. The serve is
everything in volleyball.
All you have to do is use
your serve to destroy
your opponents.

Especially
if your
opponent
is the
Princess.



I
KNEW
YOU
COULD
DO IT,
RINON!
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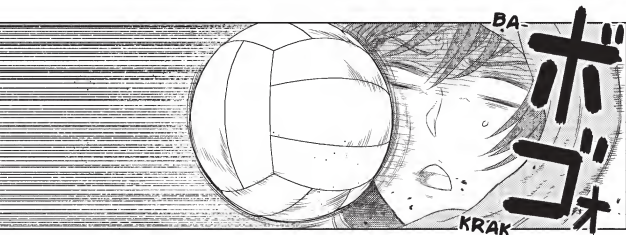
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takes the
first point?

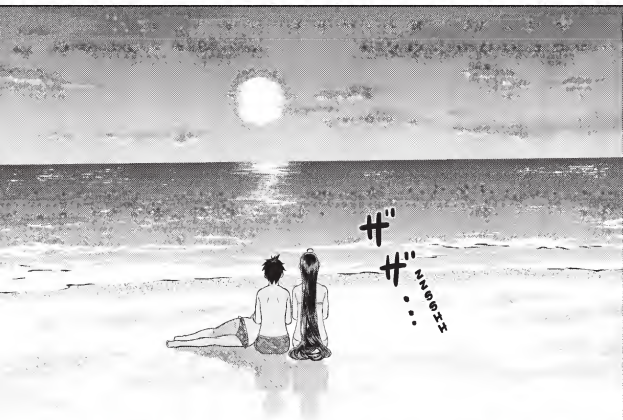


YOU'D
BETTER
NOT LET ME
DOWN!

JUST TRY
TO RETURN THIS,
MY COMRADE-
IN-ARMS!!







What a
pretty
sunset.

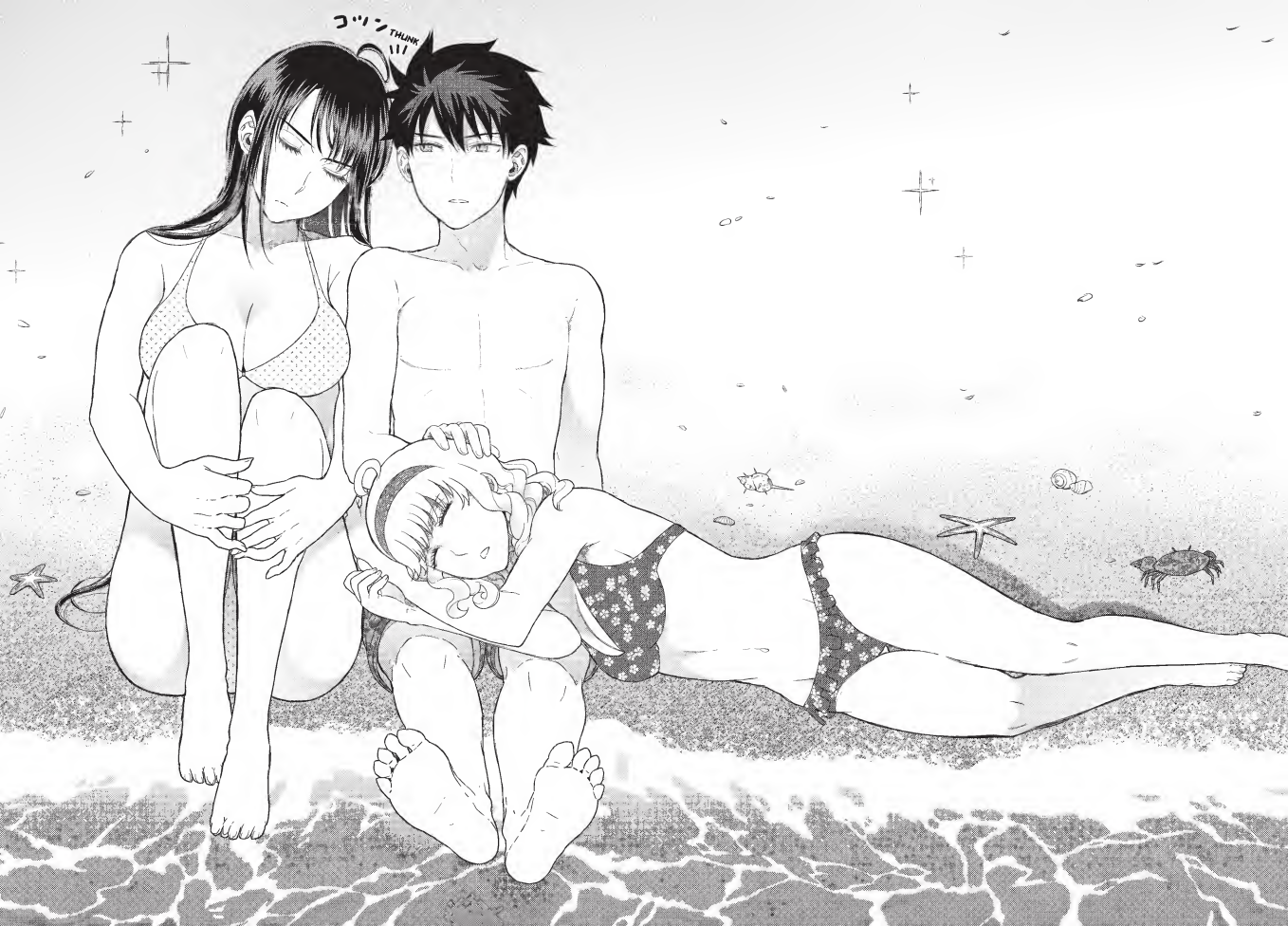
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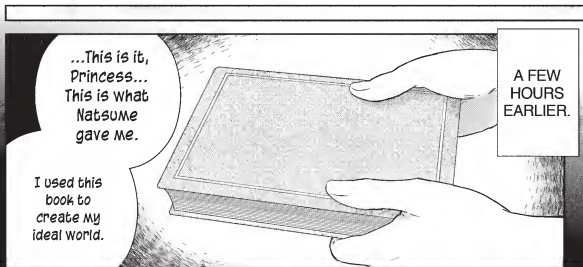
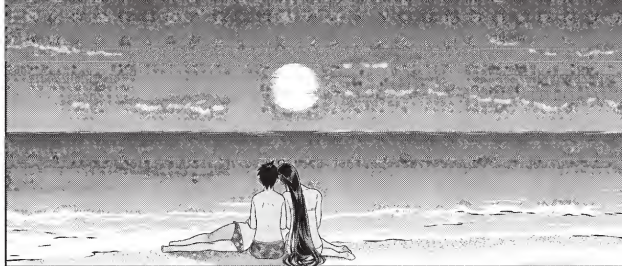
Hm...?

...Um,
Kagari?

Er,
nothing
...

?





...This is it,
Princess...
This is what
Natsume
gave me.

I used this
book to
create my
ideal world.

A FEW
HOURS
EARLIER.

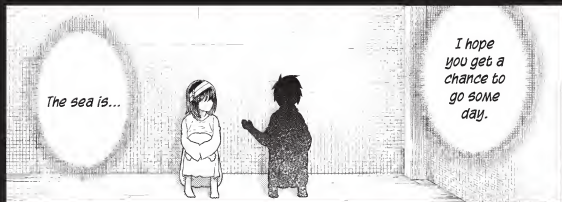


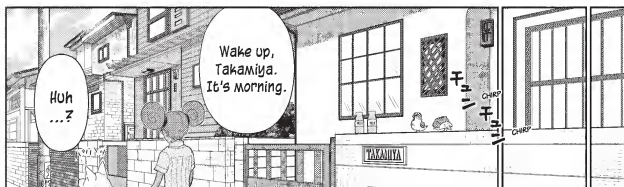
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lasted
for a few
hours.

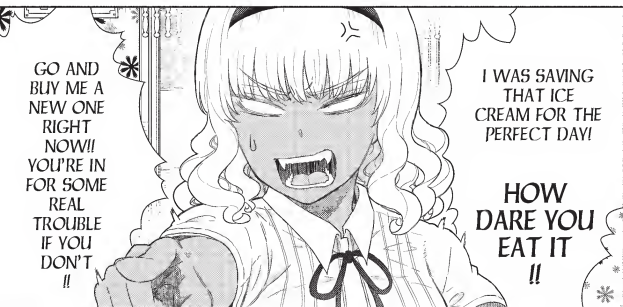
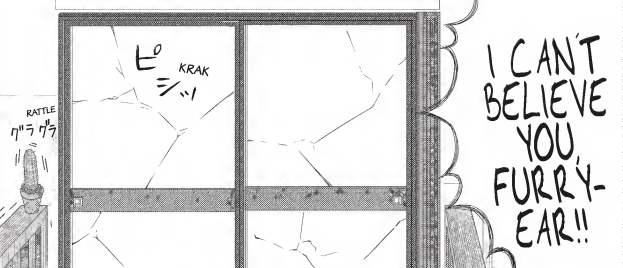
I never
meant to put
everyone in
danger...

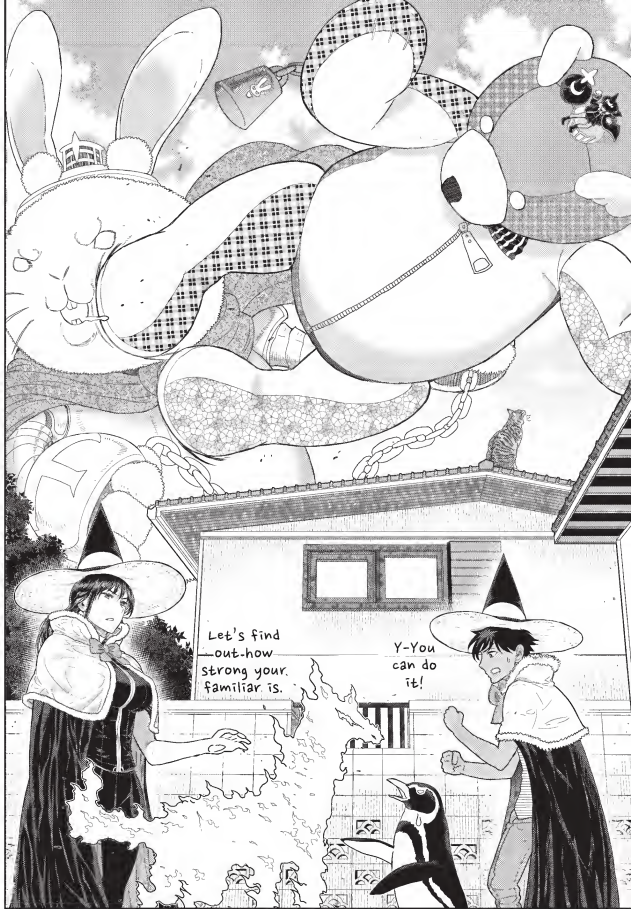
...Okay.
Thanks.

I'll dispose
of this for
you.









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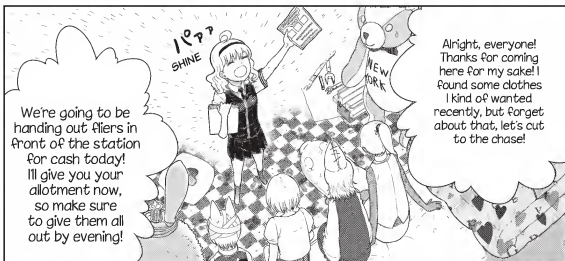
Hello, this is Mizunagi. So we're already at volume 9 of *Witchcraft Works*. Did you enjoy it?

As its artist, I'm satisfied with the volume because I got to draw Kagari in a swimsuit. Oh, and I forgot to put this on the chapter header spread, but Kagari doesn't have her chest scar when she's wearing a swimsuit because the world they're in is Kagari's world.

I'd like to draw the story of how Takamiya and Kagari met next volume. I hope you look forward to it.

Ryu Mizunagi

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SETTING + SECRETS

These pages are a collection of behind-the-scenes character and story elements that probably won't affect or appear in the main story, as well as comments by the author. If you finish reading the story and think, "I want to know more!" then we hope you enjoy the information here.

Chapter 39.5: Kasumi and the Strange Furry-ear

A story about Furry-ear becoming an Earth-friendly, ecological Witch.

- Kasumi

Her approach to Furry-ear doesn't change at all here, as she continues to not care one bit about her. However, she does seem to feel a small bit of responsibility, leading her to help turn Furry-ear back to normal. She knows Shiori, so the two seem to have some sort of history.

After the hot spring, they come across Natsume on the road. She joins them and they head to Kagari's home.

- Furry-ear

Shiori's brainwashing magic turns Furry-ear into a harmless Witch. In this state, she only says kind things such as "Thank you for another wonderful day, Mother Earth," "What a splendid bonsai," and "Do you like meat and potato stew?" Even after she's cured of the brainwashing, she still hates spiders.

- MacaRon and the Rabbit Soldier

Both of them worry about Furry-ear. The two are friends. The rabbit soldier who appears in this chapter is responsible for weeding the garden, something he's done since he started freeloading at the Takamiya home.

- Shiori

Shiori specializes in manipulating the memories of others, and it's said that she honed these abilities on her friends and family. Mister Mikage was probably the worst victim of this.

Shiori herself was brainwashed as a child, but that stopped after a certain incident one day.

Chapter 40: Takamiya and Kasumi's Piñata

Kasumi begins to plot.

- Kasumi

Kasumi comes into possession of something at the library. While the library looks to be a normal one on its face, it hides a Witches' library inside, where the Witches of the town go to learn about magic and its history. Many spell-books and ancient writings are stored there. As always, Kasumi gets the Tower Witches involved in her own plans, ignoring whatever inconveniences this may entail as she forces them to help her after luring them in with food.

- Star Team

Kasumi uses a very forceful carrot and stick approach to get the three to help. The three are now utterly defanged cowards.

Chapter 41: Takamiya and Kasumi's World (Part 1)

Kasumi's spell activates, changing the world.

- Kasumi

Kasumi's spell activates when her piñata is broken, bringing forth Kasumi's world.

In it, everything has been transformed into sporting the same colors as Kasumi's vivid room, while the guests she has invited in have had their minds altered. Weekend calls it a "type of Nous," but it's more of a poor substitute. Even Kasumi's own happiness can only last for a short while before she's no longer able to control her own world.

- Tanuma

Kasumi's trusted friend. The only one chosen to come into her world.

- Furry-ear

Appears after evolving into a full-blown cat. Her name becomes “Mega-Tanpopo.” The fact that she was invited into the world proves that Kasumi trusts her, at the very least.

- Star Team

The sad trio who wasn’t brought into Kasumi’s world despite all of the work they did for her. On top of that, they’re captured, tortured, stomped, and kicked by Kagari.

- Kagari

You can tell from her expression that she’s pretty ticked off.

- Takamiya

While his memories are altered at first and he does as Kasumi wants him to, he begins working with Natsume once he returns to normal in order to do something about the now-unstable world.

- Natsume

According to Kasumi, Natsume teaches her the spell she cast in this episode at the library.

When the world grows unstable, she and Takamiya go to find out why.

Chapter 42: Takamiya and Kasumi’s World (Part 2)

The Chairwoman’s past seen by Takamiya by the Workshop’s tree.

- Takamiya

Goes into the Workshop’s tree on Natsume’s request.

There, he becomes mentally linked with the Chairwoman and sees some of her memories.

These memories are important ones that involve his own past.

- Kazane, Shiori, Komachi

Long ago, a certain incident leaves Komachi wounded and approaching death. Kazane then uses her own blood to save her. While she gets Shiori’s help to make it so that the incident “never happened,” time passes and Komachi’s son Takamiya turns out to have strongly inherited the power of the blood Kazane used that day.

Takamiya is a special child who, despite being Komachi's son, has had Kazane's powers handed down to him.

If this fact gets out, then the position of everyone involved will be put in danger. Kazane and Shiori come together and promise to keep the situation a secret for Honoka's entire life.

Kazane becomes Takamiya's instructor from a young age so that his power doesn't go out of control.

- Kasumi

Gets no screen time because she's trapped in her cell.

- Kagari

Goes to Natsume's room with Touko and Rinon in tow.

Chapter 44: Takamiya and Kasumi's World (The Aftermath)

- Kasumi

Her room has been modified without her realizing it. Atori has laid various other traps in it as well...

- Rinon Otometachibana

Rinon becomes dejected over the Princess growing more mellow. Where did that selfish, wicked sense of justice go? Who taught her how to lower her head and apologize to others? Rinon already knows the answer, but she has a hard time accepting it.

- Takamiya

Takamiya begins to speculate that the Natsume he met in Kasumi's world was a different Natsume.

- Chronoire, Weekend, Mister Mikage

The three investigate the barrier upon the Chairwoman's commands. Her enemy seems to be within the Workshop.

Chapter 45: Takamiya and Kagari's Summer Lessons

- Kagari

She seems to be acting a little strange at first, but... She's bad with animals.

- Furry-ear

It feels really strange when Furry-ear is being serious about something. The author is starting to feel that her ears might be all she's good for.

- Kasumi

As always, Kasumi opposes the Princess. She fights back, saying that if Honoka is going to summon a familiar, then he should summon one like her, but...

- Takamiya

Summons a penguin familiar. To be precise, he summons the giant penguin that Kasumi fought before. Summoned into a sculpture made by Takamiya, the penguin is normally an amicable non-combatant. But what about when his master is in trouble...?

Chapters 43 and 46 omitted by the author for space reasons

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